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Miss. House. Boston
Feb. 9. 1849.

Rev. S. R. Riggs.
Lac-qui-Parle.

Dear Brother.

I can hardly believe that I have written to you personally only one letter. Yet if the record of our Indian letter book says the truth, it is so. It has been my wish to write fully to my brethren in the Indian missions; & I did the best I could, during the summer. But the anxiety which preceded & followed the annual meeting, not omitting the care & supervision of the slavery question, were too much for me, & I paid the penalty in a fit of sickness in October. My recovery has been [illegible]; [illegible] & other friends [illegible] I [illegible] up with my work. I have proposed to the Prudential Committee to release me from [illegible], [illegible] I am unequal; but they have not consented. And here I am, doing as well as I can. But I need not dwell further on this theme, as I have referred to it in my letter to the members of the D. M.

I have before me your letters of Oct. ~~[illegible]~~ 16, & Nov. 22 & Aug. 7 & 12. I have read them carefully, more than once. The truths to which you have adverted in the last annual letter, & which have often had them

& parted in the history of your mission, are well calculated to try the faith & patience of a missionary. Tho' I suppose such things must be expected among the Sioux for some time to come. And you may have this consolation, if it be one, that other laborers, in widely different circumstances, have their full share of trials, so that we find that no field is exempt. On the other hand, it is pleasant to know that our missionaries every where find their joys abounding thro' the grace of Christ. With the thorn in the flesh, he gives all needed support, & peace as a river.

I have often thought how much spiritual comfort the missionary might enjoy in his lonely dwelling. Tho' he is cut off from the civilized world, he can open a fountain in the desert, the mercy of a faithful Saviour. True, all men have their abiding comfort, & all ought to seek an assured hope of eternal life; but it is a part of God's arrangement to supply the lack of what they endure from sacrifice for his sake; & if they give up friends & home, so he be to them true friend, the home & rest of their souls, their exceeding great reward. I am aware that missionaries have their hindrances to growth in piety; but I believe their circumstances are as favorable as those of any other class to the purpose for keeping the heart with all diligence.

Your remarks in respect to the boarding school have been duly considered. I think there is not a very wide difference between us. & how we come-to the practicability of such, shall we commence such a school?" I find that the case is somewhat peculiar, as it concerns the efforts in connection with the Sioux mission. I still remain in favor of sustaining such a school, if the Government will do what the mission think they ought to do. But I will not enlarge on these topics until I have gone into it more [illegible] [illegible] of the letter to the mission already reported to. This letter I have sent to Mr [illegible] at Fort Snelling, with the request that it may be given to Dr Williamson or be forwarded to yourself.

In the matter of estimates, [illegible] found that any [illegible] respecting [illegible] the [illegible] can be applied; but you will [illegible] it may happen that any item of disadvantage is balanced by another of advantage. I know not that [illegible] the instances which you mention in your letter.

Your inquiries respecting the separation of Major Bradley & [illegible]: I did not answer the question because the case is stated fully in the annual report, which will have reached you before this.

I hope you will keep me well informed of all things important for me to know among the Sioux. I should like to bring this mission a little more before the public, especially now that it has become so large. I am sorry that your annual reports did not reach me with your letters of Oct 16 & Nov 22 till Jan. 5. Too late also for the February

Herald, & that account of the meeting was given in the Jan. Herald, & another will appear in the March No. You are aware that some of our brethren do not write much for the Missionary Herald. [illegible] is a fault with almost all missionaries to the Indians.

I hope you will keep your mind on the means & modes of bringing the gospel to bear most effectually on the Sioux. If you hear any new thoughts on this topic, please to communicate them.

But I must close. Kind regards to Mrs R. & all your associates. I sympathize deeply with her in the death of her excellent father, whom I had the pleasure of knowing slightly. I should have written in relation to this bereavement sooner, but for reasons which already appear in this letter.

Yours
most fraternally
S. B. Treat.

Miss. House, Boston,
Feb. 10, 1849.

Rev. S. R. Riggs,
Fort Snelling,
Minnesota Territory.

Dear Brother

[illegible] ask leave to acknowledge your unanswered letters of Sept. 1, [illegible], Nov. 25, & Dec. 18, all of which, as also the minutes of your annual meeting, have been received since my last to you of Oct. 2. You have already learned, I presume, that immediately after [illegible] meeting [illegible], I became ill of a typhoid fever, from which I am but very imperfectly recovered. As I have alluded to this subject in [illegible] [illegible] reference to the question, & which I presume you [illegible] see, I will not enlarge there.

I may be allowed to say that I had some experience of the [illegible] of [illegible] which you [illegible] trying to you & me [illegible] among this [illegible]. It is, sometimes, a blessed privilege for a [illegible] for [illegible] to be able to leave all in the hands of Christ, feeling that He will be [illegible] to the end. Through his grace I was permitted to enjoy a very comfortable & peaceful spirit [illegible]; & I thought I was ready to go, if it [illegible] his pleasure.

But I need, as too many Christians do, a more vivid & controlling view of the great realities of religion. We may, if we will, have a constant & sustaining assurance, not only of our good estate, but also of the presence & love & watchful care of our heavenly Father. And what would life be, thus spent? A perpetual walk with God; a fountain of peace & refreshment, ever full & ever satisfying! Let us, dear brother, aim at this elevated, constant communion with our Saviour, that we may make full proof of our ministry.

And there is a peculiar fitness in my making this appeal to you now, inasmuch as you have received ordination by the laying on of the hands of the presbytery. It is a great office that you have assumed, the most noble & the most responsible that mortals ever receive. Let your whole heart be in it, & let your spirit be strong, that you may do the work of an evangelist according to the will of him who instituted the preaching of the word.

I am very glad to hear of your progress in the Dakota language. This is the instrument which you are to employ in moving the dead mass around you; or rather the key by which you are to gain access to their darkened minds. Some missionaries have been blessed in preaching thro' interpreters; but it is a miserable business for one who can gain a knowledge of the vernacular tongue.

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I hope you will [illegible] means of increasing your knowledge of the [illegible], as [illegible] to make yourself an efficient & [illegible] preacher. I have no doubt you will feel the importance of keeping your mind fresh & vigorous by constant study, especially by giving attention to those things which are connected with your station as [illegible]. Above all, you need to [illegible] of preaching the [illegible] of God, to [illegible] [illegible] the best [illegible] [illegible] faith [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the right [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] your station have been approved by the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. The [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] school. I think [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of the Mission [illegible]

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Miss. House, Boston
Feb. 10, '49.

Rev. S. W. Pond
Prairieville, Wisc.

Dear Brother.

The report of your station, as also the other reports, did not reach me till January 5. I have prepared an abstract of these papers for the Herald but it must be deferred till the March No. It is painful to find that no more is accomplished for the salvation of the poor Dakotas; & yet we are permitted to labor in hope. Other missions have passed through a region of death as yours, & then come into flourishing days. God grant it may be so in your history!

I have sometimes thought that brethren who labor in such a field, may at length find their spirits *weighed*, as it were, by the state of things around them. As they toil on year after year, & see but little fruit, they become accustomed to the day of small things; & hence their expectations in the end, owing to the number & character of adverse influences, will become lower & lower. Now this condition of the mind is to be carefully avoided. Faith should be nourished & strengthened, even in the darkest hour. "According to your faith be it unto you." This is the measure of success, the master being the judge.

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[illegible] high, & appear meekly, walking in lowliness in a humble dependence on God. Heed carefully [illegible] to discharge the whole duties of the missionary work among the [illegible]. Recur to the history of Brainerd, to say nothing of others, & see what answers were obtained at length to persevering prayer! Strive to attain to a similar spirit, & the Lord will bless you.

It would give me pleasure to receive more frequent communications from you, both in regard to the progress of schools at your station, & the passing by of the people [illegible]. I should like, also, to receive from you [illegible] the [illegible] communicating the [illegible] of the mission, & bringing the efforts more directly into contact with the [illegible]. Suggestions that you may make to me, will enable us to act more intelligently, & correspond more perfectly, & in reference to the various questions that may arise. You have been so many years among the Choctaws, that you must have a stock of knowledge on many points that would be of essential service to [illegible]

I have just written a letter to the [illegible], embracing several topics of common interest, especially in respect of the boarding school. As you will see that letter, I will not repeat what I have there said. You [illegible] see that I [illegible] in common with your [illegible] family. [illegible] had experience. [illegible] all of the Lord, & therefore just what we needed. Present my affectionate regards to all the [illegible] in [illegible], [illegible] Very [illegible] [illegible] a high consideration to the [illegible] [illegible] Boston

Rev. G. H. Pond

Oak Grove, [illegible]

situation of those [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] by communion with God, [illegible] [illegible] of success, but the obstacles may be overcome, & the soul may rise above all entanglements [illegible] [illegible] heavenly home. Let this be your aim, dear brother, that so you may make full proof of the [illegible]. Your letter of Dec. 27 reached me on the 29th of January. I am glad that you have a little encouragement in [illegible] labors, & that you are willing to toil on, in the hope of seeing better days, or at least feeling that you are performing the good pleasure of the Lord. The opinions which men sometimes form of their acceptance with God, is very erroneous. The ultimate approbation [illegible] [illegible] depend necessarily on the amount of [illegible] which we accomplish, but on the spirit which we exhibit in the sphere ~~[illegible]~~ we are called to fill. A Christian may do the will of God as truly in a field barren for a series of years, as in the most busy & thriving one, & such may be the divine appointment. "Lord, what wouldst thou have me to do?" is the rule for the believer; & living in accordance with it, he cannot fail to secure the approbation of his Father.

The Methodists, [illegible] present a chapel & [illegible] build by the missionary. [illegible] I am hoping to see better days for my brethren there & for the people. May you [illegible] be filled with much faith & patience,

Yours [illegible] S. B. Treat

& high consecration to the Master's service. Your situation, I have no doubt, is in some respects unfavorable to that lofty & holy communion with God, which are the best guaranties of success; but the obstacles may be overcome, & the soul may rise above all entanglements, & rest in its proper home. Let this be your aim, dear brother, that so you may make full proof of the ministry which you have received.

I shall endeavor to make some use of your communication in the Herald; though there is quite an accumulation of materials for this publication just now. And I hope you will not fail to write frequently, respecting the state of things at your station, as also among the Sioux generally. The mission ought to have more prominence before the public; but this end cannot be attained unless the brethren will write more freely. Please keep this in mind.

I addressed a letter to the mission, which you will doubtless see. I sent it to Mr S. Riggs, as he is at [illegible] meeting, & as he was particularly interested in the leading topic of the communication, viz, the establishment of a boarding school.

From that letter you will learn my own feeble health, as the reason why I have not written more to the brethren. I hope I may do more in this line hereafter; but the Lord only knoweth what is before us.

Kind regards to Mrs P. Very fraternally

Yours S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
Feb. 16. 1849.

Mrs. H. B. Wright,
Wheelock. Choctaw
Mission.

Dear Madam.

Your letter of Jan. 11. reached me four days ago. The request therein contained had been anticipated; for I had authorized Mr. Copeland to hire free labor to any extent which the mission desire; & we will very cheerfully pay the expenses (to the Choctaw Country) of all who will go to assist you. Nor is this all. If any of those whom he may take out with him shall fail, for any reason to answer your purpose, the mission may get others to take their places, at the expense of the Board. In short, the Com. wish the mission to make the experiment of substituting free labor, (as thinking it best for you, the schools & all the interests involved) they will pay any reasonable amount which it may cost.

As to the wages which Mr. Copeland shall give, I have no doubt he can procure free laborers as low a price, all things considered, as slaves can be hired. At any rate, I do not think it best to be very nice on this point. The Com. would prefer to give more for free labor than has been paid for slaves.

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[illegible] importance, [illegible] to
[illegible] go into
[illegible] the feelings
of [illegible] the fact that one

of the missionary ladies had ~~slave~~ the assistance of slaves, & another hired free help, I supposed was mainly accidental. One might be more fortunate in procuring Choctaw girls, or might have some other substitute; while another, having no such resource, was perfectly excusable in her circumstances in hiring a slave. Besides, I did not consider the state of things where I was in the Choctaw country as at all permanent; that is, I supposed that one having slaves then, might have none a few months subsequently; while another having none then, might be constrained to hire in the course of a short period. Still, if I had supposed that any exception would be taken to this part of the report (which I never dreamed of) I should have altered it, if I had known any form that would have made it acceptable to all. And I cannot but regret that either Mr Wright or yourself did not call my attention to this point the Saturday evening I saw you at the Marlboro' Hotel, after you had read the report. Tho' the document was the property of the Com., in a case of any importance they would have allowed me to amend it before the meeting of the Board.

You ~~call~~ refer to the vote of the mission passed two years ago, requesting the Com. to furnish free labor. In addition to what I have already said, I will add, that I have not supposed that the mission attached any very special importance to that resolution. And such has been Mr Greene's impression; I have supposed that the mission indicated their willingness & wish to have free labor, if the can be obtained; but I did not suppose that they really expected the Com. to send out eight or ten laborers (male & female) for the Choctaw country. From conversations which I had with some of my missionary brethren, I inferred that they had no faith in this expedient. Besides, if so many laborers were to be procured, it would be very unwise for the Com. to obtain them, without the aid of the mission. It has been found generally, & it will be, I presume, that one of your number can do this business much better than any one else. You know just what you want, & can answer the thousand questions that may be asked; & hence there need be no disappointment, as will often be the case, if we send persons out procured by Mr Gleason or others.

But I have not time to enlarge. I have no doubt that that report might have been made more perfect (as also it may be said of all that I do;) & if I were to try again, I should doubtless attempt some improvement. Considering my health & the variety & the distracting cares of my office, my only wonder is that I did not err more seriously. All that I ask of my brethren & sisters, is, to give me the credit of honest intentions. I would ask for my name, I think, no more injustice. I [illegible] the Annual Report, so far as it relates to the Choctaws, is satisfactory.

I am sorry that I have not time to write further. & my health is very poor, & my burden is greater than I can well bear. Still the Lord is good, very good to me, infinitely [illegible] than I deserve. Kind regards to Mr W. & all associated with you. Yours S. B. Treat

Miss. Rooms [illegible]

Miss Marcia Colton
Norwalk, Choctaw [illegible]

Your letter [illegible]
just received; & I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
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your illness last year, [illegible] [illegible]
Nation; [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
hope that your health was improving [illegible]
might be able to continue at a post where your
labors are much needed [illegible] [illegible]
very useful. But the [illegible] [illegible]
from your [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

It [illegible] [illegible]
will enjoy good health in your present [illegible]
whereas you might be completely restored [illegible]
to return to New England. [illegible]
we feel it to be our duty to consent to the
change which Providence apparently points out.
We have no right to keep you in place where
you must in all probability be a sufferer to
a greater or less extent, if we can avoid it.
Mr Copeland's presence in this region makes it
the more clear that we should send some one to

[illegible] of your burden; & I have accordingly requested him to look out for such a [illegible], [illegible]. He has just [illegible] for [illegible], next week he will go to [illegible] [illegible] a [illegible] for you.

If [illegible] is possible that he may [illegible] this matter [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a little longer, [illegible] to supply your place [illegible] that you may [illegible] to [illegible] your place. [illegible] hear from [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] to all of good [illegible] [illegible]

Very sincerely,

Yours

J. B. Frost

Miss. Rooms, Boston
Feb. 17, 1849.

Rev. Gideon H. Pond
Sioux Mission

Dear Brother.

Your letter of Jan. 3 was not received till Feb. 13. The list of articles which you forwarded, I have put into the hands of the Treasurer, & it will doubtless have all due attention.

The support & compensation of Mr. Potter may require the action of the mission at its next meeting. Whatever relief you may need, you had better submit to them, & let them recommend a specific allowance. Should there be any necessity for the earlier consideration of the question, by the [illegible] I will bring it before them, if you will state just (or about) how much (additional to what has been already granted to you) you actually want.

I was rejoiced to hear that one wanderer has been gathered by you into the true fold. May the Lord greatly increase the number of such, making as the drops of the morning.

Affectionate regards to Mrs. Pond
Yours in the
gospel
S. B. Treat.

Miss. House Boston
Feb. 17. 1849.

Rev. Joshua Potter
Sioux Mission

Dear Brother

Since I wrote to you I have received a letter from Mr S. W. Pond, for which I have been waiting some time; & this has enabled me to bring the boarding school question to a speedy close. My reply to Mr Pond, which you & Dr. Williamson (if you see him) can read, will show that all that the mission asked, has been granted.

I send the letter to Mr S W Pond (as also a note to his brother) directed to you, partly because you are particularly interested in this question, & partly because the decision of the Com. may thus more speedily become known, in consequence of your residence at Fort Snelling.

Please to remember me very kindly to Mrs P. & Miss Edwards.

Very affectionately
yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Feb. 17. 1849.

Rev. S. W. Pond
Sioux Mission.

Dear Brother.

Your letter of Dec. 28 did not reach the Miss. House till Feb. 13. The same afternoon I brought the boarding school question before the Prudential Com. The decision was that you may have [illegible] from my recent letter to the brethren of the Sioux mission. They consent to your commencing such a school, provided the U. S. Government shall do what is contemplated by your action of Sept last; i.e. that it shall erect the necessary buildings, & provide [illegible] $50 a year for each pupil [illegible] being done by the Indian Department [illegible].

I am not sanguine in the expectation that these conditions will be complied with, as I have intimated in previous communications. Still it is well to throw the responsibility [illegible] Government. In saying this, however, I do not mean to intimate that the Com. are not cordial in the support [illegible] to your proposition. They are perfectly cordial in the matter. In haste,

I shall send this to Mr [illegible]
Yours very truly
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Feb. 17. 1849.

To the Oregon
Mission —

Dear Brethren.

Since my letters to you, written & forwarded last fall by different routes, I have received several communications from you which I will acknowledge in another place. There are two or three topics on which it seems proper that I should express the views of the Committee; though for want of a full knowledge of the facts, we must speak somewhat at random.

1. The question is presented in one of your letters, "will the Com. allow us, if we remain in Oregon, what it would cost us to take us back to the United States?" I do not give the precise language, but I have stated the substance of the proposal.

We have several objections to answering this question in the affirmative. 1. It does not seem to furnish *any* proper basis *for* *an* allowance. If you deem it your duty to remain in Oregon, as we all hope you may, we do not see why we should make a grant of the precise cost of your return. 2. The sum which you should receive, does not appear to us to have any necessary connection with your expenses to the States, were you to revisit them.

2. The cost of a return to the United States is a very uncertain amount. By the land route it would be one thing; by Cape Horn, another thing; by Panama or Chagres, another thing. We prefer something a little more definite.

In saying thus much, however, I would not intimate that the Com. are not disposed to make a liberal allowance, in the event of your settling in Oregon. They *are* disposed to be liberal; & perhaps they may grant you more than you have contemplated as the cost of your return. But it seems impossible to fix any sum just now; & yet you will naturally wish to have some clue to their opinions in [illegible] case.

I would suggest the following course. Let each brother who concludes to remain in Oregon, keep his furniture & all the necessary articles for housekeeping. Let him also keep so much stock, &c. belonging to the mission, as he needs. In other words, let him take as much as he would wish, were he about to commence housekeeping in a modest way. Then let the mission report what each has taken, with the supposed value, with their opinion as to what should be actually allowed to each one. On receiving this report, the Com. will act promptly, & I have no doubt, make an allowance which will be deemed satisfactory. If you see fit to adopt the plan, you can make your arrangements to settle at once, & do such work as the Master may give you [illegible] we do not wish you [illegible] the matter [illegible] of the way

A more important question is raised by the losses incurred by the Board, as to the measures to be taken to make good some of those losses. And here we are greatly embarrassed by the paucity of facts which we have before us. I suppose, however, the following suggestions may aid you in the course which you may adopt.

1. I do not suppose we can make the Government pay for the loss of property at Waiilatpu or any other station, so far as it was caused by the Indians. The Com. do not think it expedient to attempt to secure any indemnity in this way.

2. Shall we endeavor to get it from the Indians through the Government? I should not deem it wise to attempt securing indemnity, except at Waiilatpu. But it appears to me right to make the Kayuses pay for the loss sustained at that station, if it can be fairly & honorably effected. Do they receive annuities; or, rather, were they entitled to them before the massacre? If so, it would seem right that the Government, retaining them, as they doubtless do, ought to pay for the loss which has occurred, and take it from the annuities. Should peace be made with the Kayuses, I presume they will be required to indemnify all sufferers. In that event, I think it would be just to ask for the payment of our claim.

In relation to this subject, however, some discretion must be left to the mission. We wish you to confer with good & intelligent men, & ascertain how the presentation of such a claim will strike the community, & act accordingly. If the payment of the loss will make the [illegible] or [illegible] or unpopular with the whites, we do not wish you [illegible] the matter. But if the way shall be opened for a settlement of matters, which is the general feeling of the best citizens is favorable to you, then it will probably be your duty to see what you can to secure justice for us.

3. For the property used or destroyed by the troops, I suppose the Government ought to pay. The buildings at the Dalls, I think, should be paid for [illegible], in the

4. If the Government shall appropriate the buildings &c at either station to their own use, I suppose they should be paid for.

5. As to the right which may have been acquired in the soil at any point, I suppose it may be disposed of to such as may wish to purchase. If the Government need it, or part of it, they ought to make an equitable compensation. But I do not know what rights may have been acquired; I must speak, therefore, in general terms.

Permit me to add in reference to this whole subject, & indeed, all others that may come within the same general class, that it will be best for you to obtain the best advice the case permits, at all points, & then act as shall seem advisable. You cannot report the facts to us & await our opinion, because of our wide separation. Hence you can do no better than to get such counsel as you can procure on the spot. I have mentioned Gov. Abernethy as a proper man to advise with in such circumstances. If he [illegible], because he is absent, you will [illegible] that of others that [illegible].

Yours very affectionately S. B. Treat

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One other suggestion I wish to make which is, that it will not be best to postpone your settlement, or your return to the States, should ~~you~~ that be your course, very long on account of any question of indemnity which may be pending. When you have closed up all other matters, I should not think it advisable for you to remain in suspense, with the necessity of incurring considerable expenditure for your support, for the purpose of prosecuting any such claim as I have mentioned above, especially if there be much uncertainty as to the issue.

Should it be thought that a fair claim can be ~~made out~~ brought against our Government for any of the matters mentioned above, you will of course see that the proper papers are made out & forwarded. Where the Oregon Government has used our property, the best way I presume, will be to get them to pay for it, or, if a reference is made to our government, to see that the facts are properly deposed to by the officers of the Territorial Government. This will save us much trouble.

I do not know the new Governor of Oregon, Gen'l Lane, or any associated with him. Perhaps he will render you important aid, or at least give valuable advice.

The $500 loaned by Mr Spalding to the Oregon government, I presume, will be refunded. You will of course see that it is.

Yours very affectionately S. B. Treat

Feb. 19.

I will here acknowledge the receipt of two letters from Mr Spalding, May 26. & July 18: two from Mr Walker, Nov. 16. 1847, & July 8, 1848. three from Mr Eells, Dec. 10 to Jan. 12, Jan. 29, & July 6. I am much obliged to you all for the details you give of the progress of events; but I do not see that any light is thrown upon a question already sufficiently dark & perplexing. As it seems to me, the door to any further efforts in behalf of these Indians appears to be closed, tho' it is possible the way may be prepared for a return to Tshimakain. In the present state of things, I do not think it best for any one to wait for such a concurrence of circumstances, because the future is so uncertain. Nor should I deem it advisable to recommence operations there, unless the path of duty should appear to be quite plain.

In regard to the course which you shall take, whether you shall remain in Oregon, or return to the States, I have nothing to add to what I have already said in my previous letters. I am glad to find that your thoughts are turned towards a settlement in Oregon. The Com. will rejoice, if you shall see it your duty to cast in your lot with that young community; & the friends of the Board will feel that, if they have not effected much for the Indians, they have done something for the people who are to fill that wide land. The California gold fever, I suppose, will operate temporarily to the injury of Oregon; but ultimately it must greatly promote its interests, & accelerate its growth. Yours [illegible]

[illegible] S. B. Treat.

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have [illegible] them [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
before them.

Dear Brethren

It was my intention to address a line to each of you personally; but the postage regulations will confine me (after what I have already written) to a single half sheet. Hence I will group together two or three things which belong more immediately to the class of business matters.

I have rejoiced greatly at the removal of Messrs. Walker & Eells, with their families, to a place of quiet & safety. The Lord has evidently encamped round about them; & I hope they will not forget his loving kindness. So far as I can judge, they acted wisely in removing their families to Fort Colville, & subsequently to the lower country.

Will you express the thanks of the Prud. Com. to those who were the agents in effecting your safe transfer from Fort Colville to Oregon City. If I knew all their names, I would address them more specifically; as it is, I must ask you to express our warm commendation of their conduct, & to assure them that we hold such acts of self-forgetfulness & humanity in high esteem. May the Lord reward them abundantly!

It has given me unmixed pain to hear of Mrs. Spalding's ill health. I hope that the fears expressed in Mr. S.'s letter will not be realized; though it would not be strange of the trials through which she has passed, should

should permanently undermine her health. She & her husband have our cordial sympathy, & our prayers, moreover, that God would dispel all the clouds which hang around their path, & make their way bright & clear before them.

Give my respects to all the members of the mission. I hope that God will make your trials the means of your growth in grace, & cause you to rejoice forever that He has seen fit to place you in so hot a furnace. His dealings with you have been quite out of the common course of events; & so may the communications of his Spirit be, if you seek for them as for hid treasure. Prove him herein, dear brethren; & let him show his faithfulness to his promises.

Mr. Greene, who has so long corresponded with you, has bought a farm in Westboro', Mass. & will remove to it, (D. V.) in March. His general health is very good; but his nervous system is not what it used to be, & I fear it never will be. Mr. Anderson's health is indifferent; & so is mine. But the Lord keep us all, with the interests of missions, & the hopes of a lost world, in his holy keeping; & he will surely accomplish his pleasure. What becomes of us; whether we live long or not; whether we occupy this or that post, is of very little consequence. But his kingdom will stand, & his name shall be exalted.

Should you see Mr. & Mrs. Atkinson, please to give my kind regards to them, & affectionate remembrances to all in the [illegible]. Very truly, yours,

in the gospel of our common Lord

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
Feb. 19. 1849.

Mr. Samuel Allis
Bellevue, Upper Mo.

Dear Sir

Your letter of Jan. 1st came duly to hand. In regard to the future efforts of the Board in behalf of the Pawnees, I can say nothing definitely. I have been much interested in this tribe of Indians, & have been very anxious to do something for them. About a year ago, I had the subject of recommencing our labors among them brought before the Com.; & they consented to Mr. Ranney's return, provided there should be a reasonable prospect of our going forward without interruption. I saw the Com.r of Indian Affairs at Washington last March, & the account he gave me of the plans of the Govt. in respect to the Pawnees quite discouraged me. From him I found that missionaries could not count upon adequate protection from our Govt.; & further that they would probably be removed from their present country at an early day. If you look into his Report for 1848, you will see that he

Missionary House. Boston.
19th Feb. 18[illegible]

John Tawse, Esq.
Secretary &c &c
Edinburgh.

Dear Sir,

I have called the attention of Mr Greene & Mr Tomlinson to the [illegible] boxes & the [illegible]) & the P.S. of your [illegible]. They, Mr Tomlinson has made some entry in respect to [illegible]. He presumes [illegible] to [illegible] the fact, that it was not one of our boxes, & that he supposed the duty was simply to put it on its way to yourself. He says, however, that if it came here it must have been sent to the care of Stephen Franklin Esq. New Orleans. Perhaps he can give you some account of it. Mr Greene knows nothing in addition to what you have already received from your sister.

Very sincerely
Yours
S. B. Treat.

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still contemplate the [illegible] further to the [illegible] of all the uncertainty which hangs over this people, we are not willing to renew our efforts in their behalf.

[illegible] 2d November [illegible] issued by your [illegible] Society [illegible] daily [illegible] there [illegible] the [illegible] duty [illegible] was [illegible] Stockbridge [illegible] the Commissioners have held a special meeting on the 11th instant, at the call of the President, to consider what recommendation to make to your Society with reference to the future disposal of that particular fund heretofore remitted to [illegible]. Your Commissioners do not deem it advisable to appoint a new missionary to the Stockbridge Indians, or to attempt to continue that mission. After [illegible]

Missionary House, Boston
19th Dec 1849.

John Tawse, Esqr.
Secretary &c. &c.
Edinburgh.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 2d November, with the new Commission issued by your honorable Society, came duly to hand. All the gentlemen therein named will, I think, accept the trust & cheerfully perform the duties involved.

The Rev. Cutting having, as was anticipated, withdrawn from the Stockbridge Mission, owing to the unfavorable condition & prospects of that tribe, the Commissioners have held a special meeting on the 14th instant, at the call of the President, to consider what recommendation to make to your Society with reference to the future disposal of that portion of the fund heretofore granted to him. Your Commissioners do not deem it advisable to appoint a new missionary to the Stockbridge Indians or to attempt to continue that mission. After looking at other missions now in operation, [illegible] for [illegible] pp. 273–276.

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I recommend to your Society to appropriate their funds for the support of the Rev. Asher Wright, now laboring as a missionary of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions among the Seneca Indians, at Cattaraugus, about 30 miles south of Buffalo, in the State of New York, near the eastern shore of Lake Erie. If I am not mistaken, you visited these Indians and saw Mr. Wright, when you were in America some years ago. The band of Indians among whom Mr. Wright is laboring is another residing on a reservation which they then held a few miles east of Buffalo; but which they have since been induced to sell, & they have removed to Cattaraugus & joined another band of the same tribe which has resided there many years. The number of Senecas now residing at Cattaraugus is 1500 or 1600. As to their social state & character, they, in most respects, resemble the Stockbridge Indians, having made about the same advancement in the arts & usages of civilized life. The political & municipal regulations of the Seneca Indians are much better & much more efficiently carried into effect than those of the Stockbridge band. They have not, however, as a body, so fully renounced the for Wes. pp. 273-278.

heathenish ceremonies & views of religion, a portion of them still opposing Christianity, though a majority of them are decidedly friendly to it, & welcome its missionaries and teachers. On this Cattaraugus Reservation there are now, including Mr. Wright, two missionaries, with two churches, having 96 Indian members in communion; and five schools embracing 70 pupils, as an average daily attendance. On two other reservations there are 1,000 a 1,200 more Senecas, all in the western part of the State of New York, besides a band of Tuscaroras, another portion of the old "Five Nations," residing in the same vicinity. With these last & also with one other band of the Senecas there are missionaries, churches, and schools. The whole number admitted to their churches, since missionary labor was commenced among these Indians exceeds 450; and probably the number taught in the mission schools to read the Scriptures intelligently, mostly in the English language, is not less than that number. The change as to industry, modes, especially temperance, & habits & character generally, has been very great. On these points you will find pretty full statements [illegible] the Annual Repo for 1846. pp. 273-276.

of the A.B.C.F.M. which has already been forwarded by you, & as I trust, received by you. These statements were principally furnished by the Rev. Mr. Wright, who has been laboring among them more than 16 years, & is highly esteemed by them as a pious & zealous preacher, a skilful physician, and a judicious and faithful friend & counsellor.

Your Commissioners here recommend Mr. Wright to the patronage of your Society, with great confidence that he he is such a man, in all respects, as the members of your honorable board individually, if they were acquainted with him, fully approve as their beneficiary in the missionary work.

On the 6th Instant I endorsed bills drawn by the Rev. C. Marsh for the amount of his salary for the half year ending with the 1st of July last, which closes up his connection with your Society, though he continued his labors among the Indians till about the 1st of October. The bills will probably be forwarded by the Steamer which takes this.

With great respect I remain,

Dear Sir, Yours [illegible]

Greene

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to depart was far better; that I am willing to remain in the flesh, Miss. House Boston, as long as She has any thing Feb. 19. 1849 for me to do. The past year, with its many trials both of the flesh & [illegible]

Rev. D. B. Greene [illegible] to heaven, & a nearness [illegible] Secretary than I ever had before. I do feel that it is my home, & that it is not far off. And [illegible] it pleased my [illegible] Brother to make my [illegible] faith, I think I could have acquiesced

I have before me your un-answered letters of Sept. 6 & Oct. 26 (2) & Oct. 3. You may have thought me a very negligent correspondent; but if you had known my situation & labors for the last 4 or 5 months you would not much wonder at my silence. Of my sickness in Oct. you have already heard. My recovery was very slow; & being obliged to commence work before the Miss. Conference before I was fully restored, I have not even now regained my health. Besides, I am ^bear^ burdened with a load beyond my strength, still I must go on, hardly knowing what day or night will bring forth. I should not have been surprised at any time to find myself arrested by sickness & laid aside from my labors. Still the Lord has graciously spared me hitherto; [illegible] I scarcely [illegible]. And I am truly thankful that I have no solicitude about the future [illegible] be [illegible] to depart were far better; tho' I am willing to remain in the flesh, & serve the Master, as long as He has any thing for me to do. The past year, with its many trials both of the flesh & the spirit, has given a reality to heaven, & a nearness too, which it never had before. I do feel that it is my home, & that it is not far off. And had it pleased my heavenly Father to make my illness fatal, I think I could have acquiesced with the utmost cheerfulness, yea, with calm delight.

I have been hoping to hear from you in respect to your health; that God was graciously giving you more strength for his blessed service. At any rate, I trust you have great [illegible] peace; & with that it is of little consequence what becomes of these frail bodies. Miss [illegible] has finished her work. I have no doubt it is well with her. Oh, my brother, how wonderful the change which has broken upon her, as upon your good wife, whom I have not known in the flesh, tho' I hope to know her hereafter in a better world! Wonderful! To sicken, waste away, die! then to be found in the presence of God, & to see Jesus as he is! Let us live as if the day were near.

I hope the [illegible] of Miss Stetson will make a happy impression [illegible] families at Wright. [illegible] [illegible] a serious matter to lose one whose history has been so intimately associated with its history, whose life, as it were, has so long mingled with the common life of all.

I hope you will write with perfect freedom on the subject of slavery. My charity is very large on all such themes; & I can bear to have my brethren differ from me with perfect equanimity. I have considerable hope that we may get out of this business without any serious difficulty. The prospect has much improved of late in regard to the Choctaw mission. If those brethren really wish to remain in our connection, & I have no doubt that they do, & will do what they can to relieve the question of its entanglements, we can get along together.

Your notices of Charles Buffington, & Nutsa, I have laid by, in the hope of being able to weave them into some account one of these days. Other things of the same sort I am wishing to use, but I need a little more leisure than I am able to have just now.

Fraternal regards to all the brethren & sisters at Dwight.

Very affectionately
Yours in the common
Saviour
S. B. Treat.

Miss. Rooms, Boston
Feb. 20. 1849

Mr H. K. Copeland
Norwich Ct

Dear Brother

I have this morning received a letter from Rev. W. W. Patton of Hartford, Ct in which he says that a young man has called upon him, "fine, hearty & enterprising," a "member of the Cong. chh. Williamstown Mss." who "can turn his hand to almost any thing, has taught school, is now a clerk, knows how to work on a farm & in other ways too numerous to mention," & said he thought he should like to go to the Choctaw mission. I think you had better visit Hartford, & see the young man in person, & if you do remember, I doubt not, the suggestion I made to you in Hartford. If the mission is to remain in our connection, it is important that we have men in it that will not make trouble. You will need to use caution in speaking with him on this topic. Try to find out his tendencies & sympathies in general, as well as feelings in the slavery question in particular.

Yours [illegible]
very truly
S. B. Treat

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Miss. House Boston
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March 1. 1849

Miss Angelina [illegible]
Bedford, [illegible]
Mr. C. T. Ely
La Pointe.

Dear Madam.

In accordance with what I stated to you last week, I brought the matter of your appointment as an assistant missionary to the Choctaw mission, before the Prud. Committee this afternoon. The testimonials are perfectly satisfactory; though from one or two expressions in the letters of Mrs Lyons & Mr Leavitt, they asked some questions in regard to your health. They do not make that an objection; & you are accordingly appointed to labor in the field already referred to.

Perhaps it may be best, however, (as you & we would not wish to make a mistake in this matter,) that we should ask your physician whether he thinks it will be advisable for you to go to the Choctaws; or, whether he thinks you have a reasonable prospect of health. Should he answer in the affirmative, as I trust he will, it will make the case perfectly clear.

I [illegible] you be permitted to enter on this station. You I hope [illegible] go in the fulness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ.

& give us their opinion as to what shall [illegible] very truly yours, S. B. Treat.

Perhaps they may have some suggestions to make

Miss. House, Boston
March 1. 1849.

Mr. E. F. Ely
La Pointe.

Dear Brother

Your letter of January 9 did not reach the Miss. House till Feb. 23; & I have not been able to command a moment's leisure for a reply till this afternoon. And now I am sorry that I cannot accede to your wishes in regard to a successor; but I feel constrained by our rules in such cases to say that we cannot send any one to take your place upon the facts as they now stand.

It is one of our regulations that any one desiring to be released from his connection with the Board, shall first obtain the action of the mission on the subject. The rule is obviously a good one; & we feel bound to abide by it, except in very peculiar cases. But in your case I find nothing that should constitute an exception. You can easily get Messrs Hall & Wheeler together; & they can take your request into consideration & give us their opinion as to what shall be done. Perhaps they may have some suggestions to make as to a successor, whether he shall be single or married, what qualifications should be sought, &c &c.

If the mission shall favor your leaving as you wish, we will endeavor to procure some one to take your place, so that you can be relieved as soon as may be. Of course, we cannot be certain how readily we shall find a suitable teacher; but we will use all diligence in the matter.

Kind regards to Mrs Ely & your associates.

Very truly
Yours
S. B. Treat.

Miss. House, Boston,
March 8. 18[illegible]

Miss Caroline Rankin
Melbourne, Canada East.

Dear Madam,

My object in writing to you is to make some inquiries respecting the school which you taught at St. Francis, a few years ago. The Society requested Messrs Parker & Dunsterley to visit that place, & ascertain certain facts which have recently appeared there; & among other things we asked them to look into the condition of the school now taught by Simon Annance.

The account which they give of the school is not very encouraging; & if it is to be kept up, they suggest the propriety of inviting yourself to return & take charge of it. [illegible] I wish to know what are your impressions in regard to the expediency of continuing the school; & also whether, if it shall seem best to keep it in operation, you are willing to return to St. Francis & become the teacher.

The number of scholars {yours} [illegible] is quite small. Simon Annance has reported an average attendance of about 12; but I am not sure that this estimate is not too high. And I also presume, that the pupils have not made very much progress under his tuition; & this can hardly be expected. Yet he has received $160 a year. Can the number of scholars be increased; & can a school be gathered sufficiently large to make it an object to continue it? And further, will the children, under any teacher, learn enough of English to pay for the effort? My acquaintance with schools among Indians, has led me to distrust their utility, where English is taught only in school hours, & the children use their native tongue at other times. How is it at St. Francis?

I know that it will be said, if we have no school at this place, the children will be drawn off to Catholic schools; & this is worthy of consideration. But if hardly any will take the trouble to come to our school, I do not see that we can avoid this result, however undesirable it may seem.

By replying to the foregoing questions, as soon as your convenience will allow, you will much oblige us.

Very sincerely &
respectfully
yours
S. B. Treat
Sec. A. B. C. F. M.

Miss. Howe's, Boston
March 2, 1859

Mr. H. K. Copeland
Worcester, Mass.

Dear Brother:

Your letter of yesterday I did not receive till this morning. I think you & Mrs. C. (who I suppose is with you in Worcester) had better come to Boston, before going to Charlestown, N.H. As you will need quiet for 2 or 3 days, you can stay at Worcester till tomorrow (Saturday) & then come & spend the Sabbath with us. I presume, indeed, that you will not get this letter in season to come today.

As you are to come so soon, I will not write further now. Miss Holmes is appointed, & is making her preparations. We shall expect you [illegible] Howe's, 3 Boylston Place, tomorrow. Kind regards to Mrs. C.

Very truly
Yours
S. H. Treat

P.S. Mrs. Grant's letter has come. Her decision is not to go.

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Miss. House, Boston

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health. I trust the Lord will continue [illegible]

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& Jan. 29, [illegible] communicated [illegible] glad to have accurate information, and [illegible] of [illegible] matters; & at the same time I feel almost sorry that you had to have so much trouble in giving me the information. It would have been unnecessary for your sakes; for if I were disposed to find any fault, it would be to point to the delay in putting matters into a different position, rather than complain of undue severity. But I think you who acted patiently & kindly, regarded you [illegible] to see if time would not bring all right; & that, having come to the conclusion (in which I agree with you perfectly) that this was not to be expected, you have properly invoked the aid & counsel of the mission.

I am truly sorry to hear what you say in regard to the state into which [illegible] Mr. [illegible] Breed brought things [illegible]. But I do hope that the change of administration will set all right. It gives me much pleasure to learn [illegible] in regard to other parts of the Nation.

Mr & Mrs. Copeland are at my

that Messrs Bennett & Goulding are improving in health. I trust the Lord will continue to be gracious unto them, & to all at the station.

I have thought much of the plan of sending Mr. Bryant to Good Land, since my letter of Feb. 6. My fears have not diminished that he will not accomplish enough to pay for what the experiment will cost. I do not say this by way of complaining of the action of the mission, but to indicate what may be done hereafter. The question of expense must come up soon; & if any very considerable appropriation shall be needed, it will be doubtful whether the Com. will grant it. My own opinion may be, that an ordained missionary had better be at that post, inasmuch as such an one will not cost much more than a person who is not ordained. You may say perhaps that you have no clerical brother to put there. True; but it may not always be so. If your mission shall be disposed to pursue a course that shall promote our continued cooperation, we can probably procure another preacher (or more) for the Choctaws. And as I intimated in my last, I shall be disposed to consider that question, as soon as we get out of the "woods," not only in respect to Good Land, but in regard to other parts of the nation.

Mr & Mrs. Copeland are at my

house, expecting to spend the Sabbath. They have not succeeded in getting all the helpers whom they want; but I hope they will find them in due time. One young lady (Miss Woodman) has been appointed for Good Water. Next week I believe Mr. & Mrs. C. are going to Charlestown N.H., to see Mr. Gleason in the hope that he may furnish some aid in this matter. Mr. C. will of course see that he has fuller information in respect to the candidates.

I have thought much of the trials thro' which you & Mrs. K. have passed since I left you. I sympathize with you, most truly & sincerely; but I know how good it is to go thro' this process, however painful for the time being; & I pray that God may enable you to profit by all his dealings with you. As for myself, I am still but a broken reed, having made no advancement in the matter of health for a long time. Dr. Anderson is far from well; & he is in danger of inducing a chronic disease (neuralgia) in the head. But it is the Lord's work which we are trying to do, & he will take care of it, no matter what becomes of us.

I send you a printed Statement which we have published in regard to the relations of the Com. to your mission. It seemed necessary to correct some of the mistakes abroad on that subject.

Christian salutations to Mrs. K. & all with you.

Yours as ever your brother in the Lord

S. B. Treat.

Miss. House, Boston
March 3. 1859.

Mr David Breed Jun.
Doaksville, Choctaw
Nation

Dear Sir,

Your letter of Jan. 6 was duly received. I should have answered it sooner, had I possessed the requisite time & strength. It has given me much pain to hear of any trouble at Pine Ridge; but I am glad that it seemed best to yourself, as well as to others, that you should leave & permit the management of the station to go back into Mr Kingsbury's hands. At this distance from the scene of contro-versy, it is impossible for any one to have an impression in regard to the facts, that can be relied upon as in all respects correct; still I have confidence in the mission as faithful & good men; & their opinions are worthy of all due respect.

As to your present location, I do not feel prepared to express any very positive opinion. I have been anxious to do something for Good Land; & I look upon it as an interesting field. I have thought for some time that they needed a clergyman at this post; [illegible] these a sufficiency of ordained missionaries in the nation, I should not be in favor of placing one there, as things now are; & perhaps you may be able to do enough to satisfy the people, & to make it worth while to support a family in that locality. Mrs. [illegible], I dare say no doubt, may be very useful in teaching school. The people will want instruction in English; & it may be necessary to give it; but I am not very confident as to the value of English schools, where the children talk in their own language every where, except in school. I like the idea of teaching Choctaw to all, that they may read the Scriptures, & such other books as are accessible to them.

After all, in deciding upon the expediency of your labors at Good Land, we must come to these 2 practical inquiries, 1. How much is done to enlighten & elevate the people? & 2. How much does it cost? A good deal, of course, must depend upon yourself. If you can throw an influence into that community, that shall have the savor of the gospel, & still be felt in all quarters; if the Choctaws shall acknowledge that they have a holy & efficient servant of Christ in their midst, & love & prize his efforts in their behalf; & if, at the same time, you can so manage as to keep your expenses on a low scale, the case will be clear, & we shall be happy to continue you at Good Land as long as you shall wish to be there. And here I may remark, that it will be well for you, as soon as practicable, to make out an estimate of your probable expenses, & lay it before the mission for their approval, at the first opportunity, & also inform me of the same. If you cannot lay it before the mission, you can send it to me without waiting for the convocation of the brethren.

I presume you will not expect the salary which is paid to assistant missionaries, who are connected with the boarding schools. The sum paid to such in the Choctaw nation is an exception to our general rule, growing out of the liberal allowance which is secured from the government.

Please to present my Christian salutations to Mrs Reed.

Yours very
Sincerely
S. B. Treat.

Miss. House, Boston
March 3. 1849

Rev. G. Rockwood
Pekin N. Y.

Dear Brother

Your letter of Jan. 1. was duly received. I might have answered it sooner, had I not expected to hear from the Fair mission-meeting, held in the latter part of January. But as you may be waiting for a letter from me, I have concluded to write briefly, without any further delay.

It gave me much pleasure to hear that the difficulties at your station were apparently in a fair way to a quiet peace. I shall hope hereafter to be informed that all is as it should be.

The next point presented by your letter, requiring a notice, is the compensation of teachers. And I would say, if you can find a good teacher, who will come upon the footing of an assistant missionary, I think it will be well to procure her aid. And should I hear of such an one, I will try to get her for you. But if you can not have the kind of compensation,

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(2) I think you had better employ competent instructors, at the most favorable rate you can.

Your ~~[illegible]~~ statements in regard to the estimates are duly noted; but I do not see that they call for any special comments from me, at the present time, or make inquiries in relation to [illegible] I supposed any thing was wrong. But of course I wish to keep myself fully informed of all that pertains to the matter of finance.

Your ideas on the desirableness that the Tuscaroras should do something for themselves, are perfectly in accordance with our sentiments. We think that those who have received the blessings of the gospel, should themselves aid their benefactors, as soon as possible, not only for the sake of those who are in less favorable circumstances, but for their own good. But I will not go into this theme now, as I still hope to hear from you on the mission ever in relation to it.

Mr Greene is going to hire a farm in Westboro', Mass. in 2 or 3 weeks. His general health is tolerably good; but his nervous system is not yet restored. Dr. Anderson is not well, being troubled with neuralgia in the head. I am just able to keep along.

Miss. House Boston

Dear Brother

I feel [illegible] to write to you at this time with more of sadness & of painful apprehension than I have hitherto had in [illegible] any member of your mission. The thing which I have feared seems to be coming upon us. The relations of the Com. & the Choctaw brethren, which have been so pleasant & happy from the commencement, appear to be exposed to a serious disturbance. And we are in danger of standing, before the public & before the Christian world, in a state of distrust & alienation, if not of actual separation. Such a sight may God in his mercy prevent!

But you will ask me to explain myself & state the ground of my apprehensions. It has come to me in various ways, that the mission were feeling very uncomfortably in consequence of the course which the Com. have taken; that they were dissatisfied, irritated, &c. I have endeavored to shut out from my mind the idea that there was any other sentiment in your minds, than that reasonable regret at the present juncture of affairs, which you might very naturally & properly entertain. But letters are getting into the papers from members of the mission, which seem to indicate that what has been said in regard to the state of feeling among you, has not been so much exaggerated

But the cause is in better hands than ours; & it is in the Master's keeping & safe. I write in great haste, in the expectation of hearing from you soon.

Very paternally & truly yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
March 5, 1859.

Rev. C. Byington
Choctaw Mission.

Dear Brother

I sit down to write to you at this time with more of sadness & undefinable apprehension than I have hitherto had in addressing any member of your mission. The thing which I have feared seems to be coming upon us. The relations of the Com. to the Choctaw brethren, which have been so pleasant & happy from the commencement, appear to be exposed ~~[illegible]~~ to serious disturbance. And we are in danger of standing, before the public & before the world, a spectacle of distrust & alienation, if not of actual contention. Such a sight may God in his mercy prevent!

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Now I do not complain at all that the mission should show a proper & even earnest solicitude to protect their rights. This should have been so. Nor do I complain that you do in fact entertain the opinions which are to be inferred from these communications. Had any member of the mission written to me, or to the Com. with broader implications than any which I have just noticed, I should have said not a word. But that any one, without previous correspondence with the Miss. House, should put himself in this attitude of antagonism to the Com. & should add new fuel to the flame that is burning in certain quarters, is to me very surprising. And I may be permitted to say, that I have known nothing like it in all my ~~knowledge of~~ acquaintance with the proceedings of the Board or Com.

Some might suppose that I have feelings which are personal to myself in this matter; & that it is under their influence that I now write. But, dear brother, I think this is not so. When I embarked in this business, I felt assured, that I put my character & standing with Christian people in this country at hazard. I did not expect to come out of the fiery trial without suffering loss. I made up my mind to all this; & in whatever has been said about my name & my doings, I have kept this in mind, & been still. Providence seemed to lay this cross upon me, & I took it up, expecting that it would be a cross. I have not written a word for my vindication, tho' some things have been said that are altogether ~~untrue~~. And had the writer in the Christian Observer confined his strictures to myself, I should not have said a word. I would have received it as the smitings of the righteous. But the course of the writer whom I have alluded to, tends directly to [illegible]. I confess, however, that I feel very sensitive, upon the influence which the Com. have with the public, is weakened. It has long been my feeling, that much is of but little consequence, comparatively, what becomes of the Legisl.; provided only, that the Com. retain their hold upon the confidence & affection of the community. Here is the strength, the anchor, of our cause. But if distrust is awakened as to their measures; if suspicions are put in circulation, impairing the faith of Christians in their doings, then all our operations are thrown into uncertainty & peril.

And what is the effect of communications, such as I have mentioned, on the standing of the Com.? The whole question, as you all know, is one of very great delicacy. Men are predisposed, on all sides, to scrutinize & investigate very closely; & sometimes persons seem to arrive at conclusions with very little thought or candor. This is true, not of one class of men, but of many occupying different positions in regard to this subject. It was to be expected that the community would at first be somewhat divided on the points raised by the letter of June 24. We are not disappointed, that some of our friends showed considerable solicitude & even sensitiveness. But if you & we could have kept perfectly quiet, & let the excitement pass by, I think we could have managed the case with less difficulty than we are now likely to experience. ~~[illegible]~~ But the course of the writers whom I have alluded to, tends directly to excite odium against the Com. & to array a party against their measures. What has been said in whispers hitherto, receives "confirmation strong" from published statements, viz. that the mission feel themselves aggrieved & injured by what they regard as the unauthorized doings of the Com. An ecclesiastical difficulty is started; & the powers of the ministers of Jesus Christ are said to be put in jeopardy by our letter of June 22. And an appeal is virtually taken from the Com. to the public & to the A.B.C.F.M. To us at the Miss. House, the question seems to be assuming this very undesirable shape. And I write at this time to entreat my good brethren to pause & consider what they are doing.

I trust you will not infer from what I have written, that the Com. have any misgivings or any fears as to the principles of the letter addressed to the mission. As they understand that letter, they are ready to abide by it still. They do not think themselves less liable to error than other men; but they have seen nothing as yet which convinces them that they have mistaken the teachings of the Scriptures of truth. And much of what has been said against their views, has obviously proceeded from a misapprehension of the real point at issue. Hence the statement which we have just published in the papers, which you will have seen before this reaches you; & a copy of which, in letter form, I sent to you directly, as brethren of your mission. With the qualifications contained in that statement, they still entertain the opinions already expressed to you; but in the carrying out of these principles, we are disposed to do all that we can do to relieve you. But as I have mentioned fully on this point in a previous letter, I need not enlarge in this place.

You may ask, however, how stands the question practically? And what course should be pursued hereafter? It seems to me, that the less we say in the public papers the better. If you really desire to retain your hold upon the Board, & are willing to do all that you can consistently to continue our relation intact & unbroken, you can take some one of the courses suggested in my letter to you of Feb. 1. or adopt some measure of the same general character, & we will then see what arrangements can be made that shall put the question in a satisfactory light. You may depend upon our doing all that we can regard as proper to help forward the subject to such an issue. But the public will give us no valuable aid. We must depend upon our own wisdom, & with what comes from the Father of lights.

And it seems to me that you are too sensitive to the attacks made upon you. I know it is hard to bear misrepresentation & reproach. And I had this in mind when I advised to the course which was approved [illegible] last February at Pine Ridge. I foresaw that hard & unjust things would probably be uttered against you as well as against us; & thought we could carry the burden better than to us, because we have become accustomed to it. These ones, however severe, are not by any means new in our experience. But you have not learned to endure hardship in this line of life. Hence my fear at that time, that you would be made unhappy, & that your work would suffer. That is past, however. We have embarked on a stormy sea; & how shall we get to land? This is the question. Why, it seems to me, that you or we must take hold of the oars, & pull in the same direction, with hearty good will; & if the winds blow, let them. Let us keep our eyes upon the haven, for which we are rowing.

I have not ceased (after thinking not a little on the subject) to be a good deal surprised, that some in your mission were so much disturbed by Dr. Blanchard's attack at the annual meeting. I remember I thought at the time that it was rather questionable whether his remarks reflected most severely on the mission or the Com. But as to answering him, I had not the remotest idea that it was expedient or desirable. He misrepresented my report; but I had no thought of putting him right. And the article signed by "a member of the Board" holds me up in what appears to the writer a ridiculous light, by averring that I was taken to [illegible] by a hired sleigh; & one of your good ladies has "a gentleman from Boston" (i.e. a letter to the Sec. [illegible]) in a similar position; but tho' I did nothing to justify either remark, I have taken no pains to correct the mistake. This, I am satisfied, is the wisest course. Mr Green goes upon a farm in Westboro', Mass., in a few days. Dr. Anderson's physician says he must rest from all labor 3 months. I am no better. Yours &c. S. B. Treat

When I sat down, I intended to say a word about my omission to notice (in my Report on the Letters of June 22) your resolution requesting the Com. to furnish free labor stuffs. Mr. Wright has frankly stated the difficulty felt by some in respect to this matter in a letter to me, written not long since; & I must refer to that communication. To what I then said, I will add now, that in your letter to the Prud. Com. you do not advert to this resolution. How then can the mission complain of me, for an omission which they themselves have made?

I have many things which crowd upon me, as I am about to close. But I have not strength even to glance at these topics. Like my letter of Feb. 1. this is strictly of my own free-spoken epistle. No one knows, or is answerable for what I write, but myself. I feel not a little solicitude about your meeting. If I could transfer myself by telegraph, I should surely drop down among you. What you resolve upon, may be attended with very grave consequences. You had better do nothing, than act unwisely. But I pray the Master to be present with you. Without his guidance we shall certainly go astray; with his aid, we can escape from the most intricate labyrinth. Look to him, dear brother, for his own blessed light & guidance. I hope the mission will be much in prayer, & be sure not to act till they feel that they are sitting at the Saviour's feet. The Lord bless you & keep you & make his face to shine upon you!

We are having a very pleasant visit from Mr & Mrs Copeland. Tomorrow they go to see Mr. Gleason. Mr Green goes upon a farm in Westboro', Mass. in a few days. Dr. Anderson's physician says he must rest from all labor 3 months. I am no better. Yours &c, S. B. Treat

p. Rev. C. Hotchkiss

Miss. House Boston
March 9. 1849.

Mr H. K. Copeland
Charlestown N. H.

Dear Brother

Your letter of March 7 was received yesterday. I am glad that you have a little light in Vermont. My object in writing is to say, that I have received a letter from Rev C. S. Sherman, of New Britain, Ct — who says that one young lady is ready to go as a teacher. He speaks well of her. I have written to him to forward testimonials; & I think you had better see him as soon as you can. It is better that you should go upon the ground, & make all due inquiries, so as to be pretty sure what we get.

The name of the young lady is Elizabeth Hough. I would start off myself to Connecticut, if I could leave the Miss. House, & see Miss Hough, Mr Smith & Mr Kelborn. But I cannot go just now. Kind regards to Mrs C, also to Mr Gleason.

Yours
Very truly
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
March 9, 1849

Rev. E. Hotchkin
Good Water.

Dear Brother

Your letter of Jan. 26. came to hand on the 8th inst. In reply I am happy to say that Mr Copeland has found one young lady for Good Water, & the Com. have already appointed her. But am I mistaken in the impression, that he thinks you want 2 teachers? He is not here now, having left my house early Tuesday morning for Charlestown, N.H., where Mr. Gleason resides. Still I have understood that he wanted 3 teachers in all, 1 for Stockbridge, in the place of Miss Hall, & 2 for you. I have received a letter from New Britain Ct. which states that a young lady there is ready to go out as a teacher; & Mr. Copeland hopes to find one in Vt.

Mr C. has seen a young man in Hartford Ct. who has agreed to go out to your station & assist you in secular labor, &c. We have not received all the necessary testimonials; but Mr. C. has formed a favorable opinion of them. Should we appoint him, & Mr C. should get 2 young ladies for your station, you would be fully

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Herewith you will receive a note for Miss Fay, acquainting her with the fact of her restoration to the Choctaw mission, she having been dismissed or transferred to the Sioux with Mr & Mrs Pollie. From a letter which you will have received before this, you will have anticipated the concurrence of the Com. in this arrangement. I congratulate Mr H. & yourself on having so good a helper in your work.

I am sorry to learn that you have been afflicted with the scarlet fever in your school; but I am happy to learn that no deaths have occurred. You have, indeed, had a year of trials. May the Lord cause them to abound to the spiritual good of all concerned! It is in this way that he makes us perfect, ready for our entrance into his eternal kingdom. We have our trials at the Miss. House. Dr. Anderson will leave next week, on an indefinite furlough, for his health. An over worked brain clamors for rest. I doubt whether he will do much, if any thing, before autumn. To all who inquire as to my health, I reply "About the same": which means that I am hardly fit for work; but keep on from necessity. The end will come at length, however; & then we shall think but little of the discomforts of the way. Christian salutations to Mrs. H. & all your associates. Your brother in Christ

S. B. Treat.

Miss. House, Boston
March 9, 1859

Miss Catharine Fay
Good Water.

Dear Madam

Your letter of January 25 did not reach me till March 6. The same day, however, I laid your case before the Prudential Committee & they very readily acceded to your wishes, & transferred your relation to the Choctaw mission. I think your decision a wise one, in all the circumstances; & I hope you will have the blessing of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ in your new position. It has been to me a source of very pleasant reflection, that Providence should have taken you to Good Water at just such a juncture, & given you a work to do of such importance & such pressing necessity; it certainly seems probable that it would. I trust the leadings of Providence will [illegible] affect your own mind, & lead you [illegible] more unreservedly to the service of your Heavenly Father. Try to do all the good you can for the Choctaws, especially to the girls in your school. And may the blessing of the great Head of the Church be with you all.

Affectionately yours
S. B. Treat.

Miss. House Boston
March 13 1849.

Rev. Elizur Butler
Flint, P. O.
Cherokee Nation.

Dear Brother

Your letter of Jan. 25. was received on the 2d of March. I am much obliged to you for the detailed history of the new station which you have taken the trouble to write. It was not necessary for you to say so much for your own vindication; but you have given me some information which I had not in my possession before.

First of all, it seems very clear that Providence foreordained that this station should be commenced; & it appears probable that it would not have been begun at present, if matters had not become somewhat entangled. In Oct. we had a debt of $75.000. Hence the Com. were very shy of adding to their expenses; but when the case came before them the second time, the treasury was greatly relieved.

And then it would seem that Bro. Ranney needed a check in his expenditures, which the mission might not have given, had it not been for the snarl into which we got.

But I will not enlarge on this topic. Suffice it to say, that we have authorized Mr. R. to go forward, as you already know, I presume. We have no unpleasant reminiscences of the matter, & that the Com. & myself have as kind & confidential feelings toward you all as we ever had. No blame is imputed to any one.

But you will allow me to say a word as to your supervision over new stations, plans, buildings, &c. We do not wish any mission to be unseasonable in their interference with the operations of an individual. But when estimates are made out for a new station, or for any buildings, &c. we expect the mission to look into the matter, & see that the sum proposed is necessary. When the estimate comes to us we regard the mission as having endorsed it; & this is our voucher that all is right. We do not think it proper for a mission to let one of its members build, &c., just as he pleases. It is for all the brethren to say whether the sum to be expended is reasonable or not; & they are the only persons whose impartial judgment the Com. can have to aid them. I hope the Cherokee mission will see to this matter hereafter.

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Your winter has been a counterpart of ours, the like of which I do not remember. I am sorry that you should be obliged to endure so much hardship in husking corn, & in the extremely cold weather; & should consider you justified, in such circumstances, in hiring labor to help you. I thought you had a young man in view as a helper in secular matters. Will he fail you? Mr Copeland has found one to go to Good Water; & perhaps Mr Gleason or some one else could perform the like service for you, if you desire it. I am much obliged to you for the account of the execution in Flint district. I may use it in the Dayspring.

I have many things to say on other topics, such as the Koonsha boarding school, slavery & its relations, & our position amid the warring elements. But I have not time now. Just let me say here, if you find me writing more to Bro. Wr than any one else in the mission, please to bear in mind that he writes in behalf of the mission, as well as for himself, & consequently much more than the rest of you. You will understand why I say this. Dr Anderson will leave next week for his health, & be absent some 3 months, perhaps longer. I am poorly as usual. Wife & children are well. Regards to all. S.B.T.

Miss. House, Boston
March 11. 1849

Rev. Thos S. Williamson
Fort Snelling, Min. T.

Dear Brother

Mr. Hill has placed in my hands your note, requesting information as to how much the U.S. Government is willing to pay from the Civilization fund for education among the Dakotas. In reply I would say, that not long since I wrote to Mr. Medill, suggesting that appropriations be made for schools among the Cherokees, (Dwight boarding school,) Sioux, & Ojibwas, or at least some of them. In answer to my letter he says. "It will be the future policy of the Government to apply the funds under its control, for educational purposes, for the benefit of those tribes that have no funds provided by treaties for the purpose. This rule would not apply to either of the tribes mentioned by you. They have the means provided by treaty for this object, sufficiently large, it is believed, to meet all their present wants; & even if this is not the case, it would be unjust to those having nothing to be deprived of the limited means that this small fund would afford them."

I have understood that Maj. Harvey offered an allowance for the support of Dakota children,

~~Was I mistaken in this impression? I think that your true policy is to address him, presenting the facts of the case as they appear to you, & requesting that something may be done in the premises. The peculiar feeling of the Dakotas in relation to the education fund, may be considered, perhaps, as placing them in circumstances somewhat analagous to those of the tribes who are entitled to nothing by treaties. I think this point may be urged upon the attention of Maj. Harris. In consequence of the prejudices of the Sioux they are virtually~~ [illegible]

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Kind regard to Mrs W. & all

Yours in the fellowship
of the gospel
S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
March 13. 1847

Rev. H. H. Spalding,
Oregon Mission.

Dear Brother

Prof. Gray of Harvard University has addressed a letter to Mr. Anderson, a copy of which I send herewith. In accordance with his suggestion, we have purchased four reams of paper, which will be sent to you via the Sandwich Islands. The Memoir, mentioned in the last paragraph, will also be sent by the first favorable opportunity.

I wrote to your mission, a few days since, making some suggestions in regard to the winding up of your secular matters. I presume you will have received that communication before this reaches you. Nothing has occurred to induce any doubt as to the soundness of the opinions expressed in relation to the general subject.

We shall hope to receive more favorable accounts of Mrs. Spalding's health at an early day. Much sympathy has been felt for your mission in its recent trials; & many prayers have been offered in your behalf. And He who hears & answers prayer will doubtless be found about you & [illegible] the blessings of his grace.

Mr. Greene goes [illegible] a farm [illegible] with his 11 children. To lose him from the Miss. House is a sore trial to us all. But the Lord will take care of his own cause, & we need not fear. Mr. Anderson is not well, & he leaves this week on account of it, to be absent some 3 [illegible] be round about you, & fill your cup with the blessings of his grace.

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Affectionate regards to Mr. & Mrs. Spaulding, & to your associates, & to all others at Kenison, if you see them.

Yours, in the gospel of
our common
Savior
S. B. Treat.

Miss. House, Boston;
March 13. 1849

Rev. S. A. Worcester,
Cherokee Mission.

Dear Brother,

Your letter of Jan. 17. containing the minutes of your mission meeting at Dwight, as also the postscript of Jan 19, explanatory of certain matters, were duly received; & for them I am much obliged to you. You will have learned already, that the Com. have taken action on Mr Ranney's case, & have met the wishes of the mission, as expressed in your proceedings.

I have been much gratified with the manner in which you have done your business as a mission; & considering the scanty experience which you have had, I think you have done very well. But I wish to make a few suggestions, growing out of the minutes which I have recently received.

1. The case of Mr. Ranney. Till within the last few days, I have not known precisely how this question has got into its present position. Perhaps I have mistaken in some of my conclusions; but as I understand the matter, the $1000 estimated, asked by the mission in September last, was not predicated upon any particular plan of building, or upon any definite & fixed scale of expenditure.

On the other hand, Mr. Kearney was left [illegible] in such many places as he should think best, & in hope that if it should be required, more or less money to carry it out, was for these to decide. And I [illegible] to understand, that any [illegible] was frequently objected to the plan of which he speaks, because of its expensiveness, but that he nevertheless went forward & [illegible] [illegible] I do not wish to make any remarks, in the letter, Kearney's course, which shall seem to indicate any want of confidence in him. I esteem him highly, as a servant of Christ, faithful & beloved, as also Mr. Hanney. I think, however, that he, in common with the [illegible], has erred somewhat in that way, in which [illegible] [illegible] better done. I am not surprised at this, ~~however~~ when I remember how little is understood there, both as to [illegible] our [illegible] mode of conducting our operations, that Mr. Hanney should make the expendi-

The aim of the Prud. Com. is to induce the missions to assume as much oversight & responsibility as is practicable. Hence we wish the missions to pass upon all the estimates, just as if they were the body which were to give an account of all things to the [illegible] [illegible] the estimates of your mission, we wish to feel, that each item has attentively been carefully scrutinized, & that the whole mission has allowed the same.

In accordance with our principles, we should wish you, in making out the estimates for the [illegible], to agree among yourselves as to the plan proper to be pended in the commencement of the station, as also in coming years; in other words, how much shall be expended on a dwelling house; how much on other buildings, & how much in other ways. Not that you are to say, to an absolute certainty, just what shall be laid out in these different forms of necessary preparation; but that you shall decide as nearly as is practicable what shall be the probable cost of the station. This is the business-like way of doing the thing. A man should not erect a house for his family, till he has made his plan & his estimates. Neither should a mission determine upon commencing a station, without making the same calculations.

And look at the practical working of this matter. You send us your estimate of $1000 for the new station. Suppose we had allowed it in the first instance, (as we did subsequently, with a request that Mr Hanney should make the expenditure as low as he well could.) It would have been upon the supposition that you did not expect any thing more to be asked of the Board to form the station. You gave no intimation that this was only the first of a series of appropriations which might run to $2, 3 or 4000. And we could not presume this to be the case; & had we done so, we certainly should have paused, & said "Brethren, let us see what the sum total is to be. We cannot begin this station, till we know how the question of expenditure is to stand in the final issue."

2. The Dwight boarding school. You have applied for

But it turns out that Mr. Ranney adopted a plan for a house which required from $2500 to $3000. How much the other expenses may be affected to amount to, I have no means of judging. I have not brought the case before the Com. Pru'l. till I have received fuller information in regard to the exact state of the affair. Nor do I think it advisable to do so at present. But I feel quite confident as to the view of the question which they will take. Looking at the past experience of the mission, or rather (I might almost say) the want of it, in all such matters, they will extend all reasonable indulgence to the brethren; at the same time regretting the course which things have taken. But they will wish the mission to avoid such a predicament hereafter; & so far as possible, forestall the ~~incone~~ inconveniences & embarrassments of the present mistake. They will wish you to reduce the expenses of the station to as low a scale as may seem consistent & feasible; & in case of any future application for an appropriation, let the Com. know on what plan the estimate is predicated. I have no doubt that the good sense & piety of Mr. & Mrs. Ranney will lead them at once to acquiesce in such a course. His error cannot have proceeded from any purpose to go counter to the wishes of the Com. or to disregard sound missionary principles; but from an imperfect acquaintance with precedents & maxims which he could not be expected to know.

2. The Dwight boarding school. You have adopted two resolutions in regard to this school; but you have not informed us of your views, or explained the process by which you came to your conclusions. Now these resolutions are very well in themselves; but it would have given me much pleasure to have had the impressions of the brethren at some length upon the various questions involved in the continuance of the school. This might have been effected in two ways. 1. The subject might have been referred to a Com. to report the pros & cons of the question before you, as also the result to which it was deemed proper to come. 2. If there was no formal report on the case, the mission might have appointed a Com. consisting of one or more persons to explain the views entertained by it, with such suggestions as might seem to be called for. And I should still like to receive from you, or someone else, as much light on this topic as is practicable. I must confess that I am not altogether clear as to what should be done in the premises. The results which the friends of missions desire to see, are not realized fully. This is a sufficient reason for inquiry & an exchange of views.

The second resolution pertaining to the latter, I think, needed a little enlargement, or at least some explanation. I have not felt quite certain what was contemplated by asking for a person to assist in the labors of the kitchen, to direct the labors of the pupils in that department. The habits of some of our missions are truly admirable. I trust you will find it for your advantage, as well as ours, to aim at the same excellence. And [illegible] well. [illegible]

Miss Moore, Foster

March 15. 1849

Now the mission may mean to request the aid of one of the sisters, to receive an appointment as an assistant missionary, & be upon the same footing generally as other females in the mission. Or it may be that a mere domestic, a woman to work for hire, is all that the brethren wish. If the latter is the person intended, the wages it would be proper to offer, should have been suggested, or at least some opinion given, as, in such a case, there must be some reference to prices in that part of the country. I suppose we expect that such persons will continue for any length of time in such employment.

And I should have been glad of some hints as to what kind of a helper is desired, as to age, & other qualifications. As the case now stands, I shall endeavor to send an assistant missionary, with such qualifications as seem to be most important.

But I have said enough on this subject. What I have now written, you may show to others who may wish to know my views on the several topics herein discussed. I trust you will understand that I have expressed myself thus freely, not with any unkind feelings, or any disposition to complain, but that hereafter you may attain to still higher perfection in the proceedings of your mission. The system & harmony & business like habits of some of our missions are truly admirable. And you will find it for your advantage, as well as ours, to aim at the same excellence. And so farewell. Yours very truly, S. B. Treat.

Miss. House, Boston
March 15th 1849.

Rev. T. C. Ranney,
Cherokee Mission.

Since the letter of Mr. Worcester made, reached me, enclosing the minutes of the mission-meeting held at Dwight, & since I have become more fully possessed of the history of the preliminary measures for the commencement of your station, I have felt that I ought to say a few words more in relation to the expense which may be incurred in its progress.

You already know what were my expectations in regard to this matter, based upon my interview with Dr. Butler. With the assistance which the Cherokees might render, he thought $200 or $300 would suffice for the first year, & I did not suppose that any considerable outlay would be needed subsequently, except for the current expenses of the station. I was a good deal surprised, therefore, to find $1000 put down as the estimate of the mission; for that without any explanation, or any plan adopted in view of the case. But your letter intimates that this will not be sufficient; & now I learn that your plan for a house would naturally call for an outlay of $2500 to $3000. How much more will be needed, on this scale of expenditure,

I have no information. My attention was arrested
by the prospect of that additional appropriation [illegible]
be called for, as intimated in your letter; but as
you did not state how much would be wanted;
that upon [illegible] you proposed to erect
a house that would cost $2500 or $3000, [illegible]
[illegible] which
on the Com. made, trusting, that was very large [illegible]
would be needed to complete the necessary
buildings [illegible] work on, knowing
that the But I must confess that $2500 or $3000
for a house [illegible]. I have no doubt
[illegible] acted in all good conscience. And I
think the mission must share [illegible] of blame there is in
the case; [illegible] the clerk of the mission. Still if there is any way
to reduce your plan to a less expensive scale, I
most earnestly hope you will do so. Such an outlay
for such a building has, I believe, no precedent
in any Indian mission; or, I suppose, in any
other mission, where the circumstances are at
all analogous. It would give me much pain to
be obliged to ask the Com. to appropriate so large
a sum; the more so, as we have embarked in
this business without knowing what we were
coming to.

But I will not dwell upon this unpleasant theme at greater length. I was sorry to perceive that you were detained from the meeting at Dwight & Mrs. Kenney's illness. I hope that she has not been seriously unwell; also that your next will inform me that you are both in good health.

Mr Greene goes next week to Westboro, Mass. to commence his *farmer's* life. Mr. Anderson leaves this week, to be absent 3 months, on account of his health. I am not well & yet I am compelled to work on, knowing that the Lord will keep me in being, as long as I am wanted for his blessed purposes. We have seen brighter days at the Miss. House, so far as health & strength are concerned; yet are all cheerful, for our Master holds the helm, & directs all the movements of the ship. Affectionate remembrances to Mrs. K.

In great haste
Your fellow laborer
in the gospel
S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
March 16, 1849

Rev. W. Willey,
Dwight

Dear Brother

Your letters of Dec. 5 & Jan. 3 are before me. For some reason to me unknown the latter did not reach me till Feb. 28. I wrote a long answer to the former, & was just on the point of sending it off, when I received [illegible], a copy of the minutes of your mission meeting at Dwight, which made it necessary [illegible] what I had written. I did not know what arrangements would be made in regard to the boarding school, or what would be proposed, & so I made some suggestions to be received hypothetically [illegible] to the Cherokees, [illegible]

Mr. Worcester [illegible] did not state the reasons which induced the missionaries to doubt the expediency of continuing the school; nor does it appear that any [illegible] was proposed. I shall hope to hear more fully hereafter. What were the views of the brethren on [illegible]. I desire light on a point on which [illegible] is not very clear. I shall endeavor, however, to provide some one to take Miss Stetson's place; though I am not quite certain that I have any one secured as yet. If I shall be successful in my efforts, the lady will accompany Mr. H. K. Copeland; who will set out on his return in about 2 weeks. I shall inform Mr. Hitchcock in due time of the result of my endeavors.

I am not very sanguine that I shall obtain a lady to ~~take charge~~ assist in the labors of the kitchen. Such a place is very hard to fill; & the time is short. Mr. Worcester's letter did not reach me till the Feb. 21. I have done all that I could in the circumstances; but with little success thus far. I regret that some one did not let me know more accurately just what is wanted. No explanation of the vote of the mission has been sent to me; & I am not quite certain that I understand it. On this point, likewise, I shall write to Mr Hitchcock.

You allude to the Puritan's account of what was said at the meeting of the Board "about slavery among the Cherokees". I do not remember that account; but I have a very distinct impression that all the reports were inaccurate, & that of the N. Y. Observer positively unfair. I was exceedingly sorry to see it reprinted in the Cherokee Advocate, as it put me & the Com. in a false position. Other things I have been

Very truly yours S. B. Treat

published which have tended to embarrass the whole question. But we have taken no notice of them, except to put forth the "statement" which you will have seen. I do not think your mission need be troubled by your being placed by the side of the Choctaw mission in this business. The difference between your letter & theirs is pretty well understood.

Your remarks in reference to the new station are duly noted. If Mr. Ranney shall have encouragement in his enterprise, & his station does not cost too much, perhaps we may consider the question of another effort on Skin Bayou at some future day. I wish very much to see the Cherokee mission exerting a more commanding influence on the people. Above all, do I desire to see "a [illegible] of the Spirit".

I am much obliged to you for your account of Miss Stetson. It has enabled me to prepare an obituary notice of her for the April Herald. I pray, most earnestly, that her death may be blessed to many of the school & the station!

In your two last letters you allude to Miss Lyon, as one who might assist in manning Dwight. As soon as I received the mission minutes, I wrote to her, asking her to go forward, & in getting both persons designated in your [illegible] but alas! her work was done! She was then sleeping, & I obtained no answer. Her death is a great loss. Kind regards to Mrs. W., Miss Goldings, & all your associates.

very truly yours S. B. Treat

giving you more time for service for missionary labor. We find it necessary to

Miss. House Boston
March 20. 1844

Rev. Sherman Hall,
La Pointe, Lake
Superior.

Dear Brother

Your letter of Jan. 9 came to hand Feb. 23. It was at first quite a marvel to me, that I had not received your previous communication, giving an account of the meeting which you held in September last. A few days since, however, I found it lying on the table, as also the minutes of your meeting which you sent me. But why this delay? They ~~letter~~ came to the Miss. House in October, while I was sick; & Mr Hill very kindly took charge of them, & laid them away so securely, that they did not fall into my hands as soon as could have been wished.

For both letters I am much obliged to you. I am very glad that you have given me the history of your superintendency at La Pointe; & I heartily rejoice that you have adopted the present system, as being the most natural and simple; & as giving you more time for direct missionary labor. We find it necessary to watch all our secular arrangements with the utmost vigilance, inasmuch as they are constantly tending to the engrossing of too much time & thought & effort. And this is owing, not to any defect in our missionaries, but to the very nature of the case. And as I presume to say to others, I doubt not you will permit me to say to you "Keep a strict watch on all your business concerns, & be careful that they do not interfere with your appropriate work as a missionary." Such a situation as yours has many temptations; just as those pastors are in danger, who have an unusual amount of worldly business to attend to. Hence there is special need of keeping the heart with all diligence.

The estimates for La Pointe & Bad River have been allowed, as far, also $200 for Red Lake. We have given Mr Ayer leave to retire from the employment of the Board, if he shall finally think it his duty to do so, on account of impaired health. We do not propose to continue any one at Red Lake. It would seem to be better that the other brethren, now in the field, should occupy it alone.

I am sorry to hear of Henry Blatchford's continued lameness. It must occasion you not a little inconvenience, & impair in some measure the efficiency of your operations. I trust, however, that the trial will be blessed to his growth in grace, & his more abundant preparation for his future labors. Please to give to him my Christian sympathy, & assure of him my prayer that he may thereby be made a rich blessing to the Ojibwas. If he shall be thought to possess the requisite qualifications, I shall sincerely rejoice in his being set apart to the preaching of the Word.

I presume Mr Ely will have consulted you, before this reaches La Pointe, in regard to his leaving his school. Our rules are such, that I felt constrained to refer the question to the mission; though it may subject him to some inconvenience. I fear it will be difficult to get a person to take his place. We find it easier to obtain the services of ordained laborers than of laymen at the present time. Still, should he persist in his desire to leave, & the mission sanction the step, we will do what we can.

Has Mr Greene informed you of Miss Spooner's being released from her connection with the Board? He attended to the case, & obtained the sanction of the Prud. Com. for this course; & I have not charged my mind with writing to you on the subject.

This allusion to Mr. Greene brings up the fact that he & Mrs Greene are to spend the night with me; & tomorrow they proceed to Westboro', Mass, to commence farming. His general health is pretty good but his mind is not fully restored. Dr Anderson left yesterday to be absent 3 months for his health.

Affectionate regards to Mrs H. & all your associates. Very truly

yours S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
March 2d. 1849.

Rev. C. Eells,
Oregon Territory.

Dear Brother,

Before this reaches you, my letters to the mission, & also to the individual members of the same, will have arrived. From these communications, you will learn the views of the Prud. Com. so far as we are able to give them, with the knowledge which we have of your circumstances. Wisdom will be given you from above, I trust, to guide you aright; & I hope we shall all have occasion to acknowledge the clear indications of an all-directing Providence.

It has occurred to us recently, that "the gold fever" may so affect your prospects in Oregon, as to cause some embarrassment in regard to your future course. It has been our hope & wish, that you might all see the way open before you to some desirable field of labor in that country. But there may be so much emigration to California, as to retard very materially the growth of the territory into which your lot has been cast, & in this way greatly darken the prospect of your continuance there.

Not knowing what the situation of Mrs. Smith may be, the Committee have directed me to say to you, that if you shall wish to join the Sandwich Islands mission, they give their consent to your doing so; & you can proceed to the field, as soon as your relations to the Oregon mission will justify your departure. But if, on the other hand, you shall prefer to remain in Oregon, or shall deem it your duty to return to the States, you are at liberty to do so. The last step, however, they hope will not be thought advisable; but it will give them much pleasure to hear of your decision to proceed to the Islands.

I presume it will hardly be necessary for me to say any thing of the condition & prospects & wants of the Hawaiian people, or of the mission established among them. You are so near the field, that you must be well informed on all these points. We are firmly persuaded that the number of American missionaries in the Islands, must be kept good for the present, lest what we have gained thus far, should be lost. Hence we are expecting to send out small reinforcements, from time to time; & your going would dispense with the necessity of sending one laborer from the United States. I will barely add that our recent accounts from the mission are very cheering; & we think the Christian public has not been much moved by the attack of Com. Jas. Ely &c. We hope the new Com. Chs. J. Eames, Esq. who sailed from Boston a few days since, will pursue a different course.

Before leaving this topic [illegible] to add, that the suggestion of a [illegible] of the Sand. Island mission made [illegible], to yourself. The Prud. Com. have not authorized me to say any thing upon the subject to Messrs. Spalding & Walker. They will be left, therefore, [illegible] of what I have previously written, in regard to the course which they are to [illegible] [illegible] that the Prud. Com. [illegible] [illegible] this morning [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] purpose of taking possession [illegible] which he has purchased. His general health is pretty good; but his nervous system is not restored. [illegible] Dr. Anderson has gone to Virginia, to be absent about three weeks, on account of his health. [illegible] [illegible] is remarkable; & I hope he will [illegible] the good work in all proper & practicable ways.

Very fraternally

Mr Copeland will inform you of arrangements made of sterling for the Choctaws. [illegible] Treat. letter received this morning, he says that he wishes to leave Friday next.

In haste

Yours in the gospel of Christ

S. B. Treat.

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Miss. House Boston
March 27, 1849

Miss Eunice Starr,
Norwich, Ct.

Dear Madam

I hasten to apprise you that the Prud. Com. have this afternoon appointed you an assistant missionary to the Choctaws. As I am now in the Com. room, engaged in the business before them, I have not time to write you at length. I trust you will enter upon your work in the fear of the Master, & with a sincere desire to do all his will. The mission to the Choctaws is to me one of very great interest. The Lord has blessed it remarkably; & I hope he will continue to do so. May you help forward the good work in all proper & practicable ways!

Mr Copeland will inform you of his time & mode of starting for the Choctaw mission. In a letter received this morning, he says that he wishes to leave Friday next.

In haste
Yours in the gospel
of Christ
S. B. Treat.

Miss. House, Boston
March 28. 1849

Mr H. K. Copeland
Hartford, Ct.

Dear Brother

Your letter of March 26. was received yesterday. Word was sent to Miss Hosmer by express; but I have heard nothing from her. It is a bad day for her to set out on her journey. But I think you had better be at the depot in Hartford tomorrow evening, (if Miss Hosmer shall not have arrived sooner) on the way to take the 4 P.M. train.

Miss Starr was appointed yesterday, & I informed her of the fact last evening. I told her you would apprise her of your plans in regard to starting.

I shall write to Miss Hall today, saying that it is the wish of the Com. that she go to Dwight, as we have no one else to send there, & we should like to have the benefit of her Choctaw experience in that school. It is possible she may not get the letter in season, & may meet you in Little Rock. If so please to inform her of the state of the case, & of our wishes, all which will be more fully explained in the letter I shall write to her at Stockbridge.

I am greatly hurried to day, or I should be glad to say some things that I cannot mention now. I received a very kind letter from Bro. Byington last Saturday. I hope for a peaceful & harmonious cooperation still.

We are sorry that we did not see more of Mrs C. at our house. But we are all pilgrims & strangers. We just look upon each others faces & pass along. But it will not be so always. May the Lord go with you to your chosen & most interesting field of labor, & may he bless all your brethren & sisters with the richest gifts of his grace. My affectionate regards to Mrs C. & to your new fellow laborers.

Very fraternally
Yours
S. B. Treat

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Miss. House, Boston
March 20, 1849.

Mr. Jacob Hitchcock
Kidron P.O., Cherokee Nation.

Dear Brother

The request of the mission that the Board would send two females to Dwight has received all proper attention; but the time has been so short that I have not been able to procure a person for either station which you wish to have supplied. Mr. H. K. Copeland leaves this week on his return; & I know of no other opportunity for sending assistants to your relief.

In these circumstances, I have written to Miss Hall, now at Stockbridge, whose place is to be filled by a young lady who will accompany Mr. Copeland, to go to Dwight, at least for a season, & thus lessen the burden that lies upon you. I think she will comply with this request; & I have entire confidence in her ability to fill the vacancy occasioned by the lamented death of Miss Stetson. Should she consent to repair to Dwight, & she may write to you [illegible] to provide some way for getting there. This, I doubt not, you will readily attend to. I have suggested to Mr. Copeland the propriety of receiving [illegible] without your co-operation [illegible] may [illegible] one of [illegible]

Permit me to make a suggestion, which has occurred to me in connection with this subject, before it passes from me. My acquaintance with the boarding school system among the Choctaws & Cherokees has made it apparent to my mind, that it is very important to render the situation of the teachers as pleasant & agreeable as practicable. They are cut off from the society to which they have been accustomed, & have but little among them near friends that can take its place; they have not the responsibility, pleasures & interests which spring up in the family relation; & hence they need special care & consideration that they may be contented & happy. Else they will not be as useful, as they might be, & they will grow weary of their work.

This impression I received in the Choctaw nation, & I stated it to some of my brethren there as very important. I repeat to you, that you may keep it in mind in your intercourse with Mr Giddings & Miss Heath, or any one else who may be connected with the school. Miss Gleason was much older & had different sympathies & feelings. But these ladies will need more indulgence & liberality in certain respects. For instance, if they shall wish to make a visit in ~~the~~ vacation, I should do all in my power to oblige them. Let them have horses, though with some inconvenience to yourself; because it is true economy in the long run. And I will say once for all, if some expense shall be incurred in this way, the Com. will very cheerfully pay it. If they wish a flower garden, let them have it, &c, &c.

Mess. House, Foster

I have said nothing as of the female who is wanted for the Kitchen. I have made such efforts as I could by dispatch all further pardon; but I have been ignorant in the dark, because no letter informed me just what was desired. Should I have occasion to make further inquiries, I will thank you to tell me just what you wish such a one to do.

But I would suggest the following course: You have friends in different parts of the country. Suppose you write to them to look up the woman you want, giving a particular description of the place she is to fill, & if they find one, we will pay the expense. Or, if you, or any one else, can leave the mission, obtain the requisite assistance, the Com. will furnish the means. In a word, you are authorized to take such measures as you may think best, at our expense, to secure the person contemplated by the vote of the mission.

Please to say to Mr. Gulick that I have received his letter of Jan. 1 & 27, for which I am much obliged to him. I am not able to reply now, & shall not be for some time. I hope he will excuse any seeming neglect, therefore.

Kind regards to Mr. H. & all your fellow laborers at Dwight.

In great haste
Yours very
truly
S. B. Treat.

Miss. House, Boston
March 28. 1849

Miss Lydia S. Hall
Choctaw Mission

Dear Madam

Your letter of Feb. 28 was duly received, & read with pleasure. I am gratified with the spirit which you manifest in regard to leaving the field of your past labor; & I am made thereby the more willing to submit a proposition which may excite some surprise. It is neither more nor less than this, viz. that you will go to Dwight, & take the place of Miss Stetson, in superintending the girls part of the school. I am very sorry that I cannot say all that I should be glad to say on this subject, for I am greatly hurried just now; but I will present a few things for your consideration.

1. The mission deem it indispensable that some one should be sent to Dwight, to fill the vacancy, as soon as possible. They have been much embarrassed already by the lamented decease of Miss S. & cannot carry forward the school with comfort or efficiency, unless they shall have a new associate. The necessity is imperative.

2. As soon as I received the vote of the mission requesting another laborer at Dwight, I took such measures to comply with their wishes as promised

to be most successful. That I have not been able to get any one thus far, [illegible] company with [illegible], & when another opportunity may occur for sending out a young lady to the Cherokees, is entirely uncertain.

3. As soon as I ascertained the resolution of the mission mentioned above, my thoughts turned to you, & I said to myself, "I wish very much that [illegible] could be induced to go to [illegible]. It would be just the thing." But not knowing how you would look at the matter, & having no opportunity to correspond with you, I felt shut up to make an effort to procure some one else. That effort has been fairly made & it failed. [illegible] important to have

4. I do not understand from your letter that you have any wish to escape from missionary labor & responsibility, or any special desire to return to New England; but I suppose your difficulty has been mainly local, growing out of the state of things among the Choctaws. You have expressly said, I believe, that you were willing to continue in the missionary work, in some other field.

While it is true that the Cherokees have slavery among them, as well as the Choctaws, I apprehend you will find a great [illegible] of difference in the two cases, [illegible] in the state of feeling among the Indians, & the position taken by the missionaries. The letter of the Cherokee brethren, published in the Miss. Herald, is much more in accordance with our views than that of the Choctaw brethren. You will find, I doubt not, that the sentiments of Mr [illegible] [illegible] are more in consistency with your own, [illegible] [illegible] same [illegible] missionaries. On this [illegible] with [illegible] reference to [illegible] [illegible] point; therefore, your would find your mind considerably relieved.

In these circumstances I brought the case before the Prud. Com. yesterday afternoon; & we now cordially & with one consent request you to repair to Dwight & help those good brethren & sisters, who are now so much over burdened. We do this, 1. because we see no other way of meeting the exigency of the case; 2 because we have entire confidence in your ability to do just what is needed at Dwight. And under this head, allow me to say that, we feel it to be very important to have the benefit of the experience gained in the Choctaw boarding schools, transferred to the Cherokees. I have often wished for this transfer; & now Providence is showing us how it may be done. If you look at the matter calmly & prayerfully, I think you will find that there are signs, many, of the divine will which are altogether unmistakable. Is it not so?

To one so well acquainted with the Cherokee mission, I need say nothing in respect to the sort of associates you will have in your new field. Dwight is not just what I wish to see it; & that is one reason for your going there. Miss Goldings you will find, if I am not deceived in her, a very pleasant circle; & this will be a great point in such a place. I shall be ready to do whatever may be consistent & proper for me to make your stay agreeable & useful. I shall write to Mr. Hitchcock on this subject, with special reference to Miss G. & yourself.

S. B. Treat

By this time, I hope you are ready to say, "It seems to be the Master's will that I go to Dwight." But I will add, if you hesitate on the general question of duty, are you not willing to repair thither experimentally, or at least temporarily, just as I came to the Miss. House, [illegible] of years ago, where the Lord has kept me till the present time? You can go, if in no other way, to fill the place for a year or two, or till some one can be sent to relieve you. I most earnestly hope that, in some way, you will be able to comply with our wishes.

In what way shall you get there? (1) If you can come to Little Rock, as you have hitherto proposed, & go up the [illegible], [illegible], & let Mr Hitchcock carry you thence to Dwight. If the Arkansas has a good supply of water, this would be a preferable way. (2) Perhaps there may be some way opened by the Choctaw mission by which you can be sent to Dwight or Fort Smith. (3) If for want of any better mode, write to Mr Hitchcock to send for you. Messrs Byington & Kingsbury will be good advisers.

One thing more, as you know, we do not pay salaries to teachers among the Cherokees, but support them, defraying all their expenses. In a pecuniary point of view, I presume you will not suffer much if you should stay at Dwight awhile, as we should expect to pay your expenses to the North; but I have too much confidence in your disinterestedness to dwell upon this topic.

May the Lord give you wisdom, & guide you now & always. —

Yours in the common labors of
a common Master S. B. Treat.

Miss. House, Boston
April 5th 1849.

Rev. G. Rockwood
Tuscarora N.Y.

Dear Brother.

Your letter of March 26th is before me. It gives me much pleasure to be informed of the restoration of harmony in your little community; & I hope the Lord will bestow yet richer blessings upon you. Indeed, it often happens, that the removal of some root of bitterness from a church, is the precursor for the coming of the King in his glory. May it be so at your station.

I have not received any account of the proceedings of your mission at Cattaraugus, tho' I have been expecting for some time to be fully apprised of what was done in relation to certain matters. Perhaps a letter has been written, & it has not reached me.

In regard to the case of Miss Thayer, I am satisfied with what you say of her qualifications; & should the testimonials be as good as I presume they will be, we should be happy to put her at work. But I have my fears that her father will desire more favorable terms for her than we can offer. You know that our general rule is, to give an economical support, & nothing more. In consideration of the relinquishment of all schemes for the acquisition of property, & the simple casting of the soul upon the care of the Great Head of the Church, we assume the obligation of seeing that no one in our service suffers for want of the ordinary comforts of life, tho' he may be constrained to lay aside missionary labor, from ill health, &c. If, therefore, a brother or sister becomes disabled, & has no means of living, we make appropriations for him or her, till Providence shall make some suitable provision in the case. We have departed from our general rule in the instance of the Choctaw boarding schools; because the funds for the support of those institutions are derived from the investments made for the benefit of the Indians; so that in fact we give them nothing. The allowance to female teachers in those schools is $100 & board. In no other case, however, have we made any deviation from our general principles; & we should not like to do so in the case of Miss Thayer. We prefer to have our missionary laborers cast themselves upon Christ & his people, looking for no earthly reward, but desiring to do good from love to him & to souls.

If Miss Thayer is not willing to receive an appointment on such terms, I have no objection to your employing her, as you now do the persons who teach your school, giving her the usual compensation. There will be no saving in this way, I am aware; but I should prefer this course to be taken, rather than depart from our rules.

Kind regards to Mrs R., &c

Mr. Edmund F. Ely,
La Pointe, Lake
Superior.

Yours in the
Gospel of Christ
S. B. Treat.

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I am aware that by addressing you in this manner, I shall probably occasion you some disappointment; & perhaps there may be a little derangement of your plans. But I hope that no serious inconvenience will accrue to you or yours; & I have so much confidence in your piety & good feeling, that I doubt not you will appreciate the motives of the Com., & consider it your duty to look at this letter as an indication that Providence may have more work for you at La Pointe.

Mission House, Boston
April 5. 1849.

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Superior.

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The case, as we understand it, stands thus in regard to yourself. You are very usefully employed in your school, & are laboring with the confidence & entire satisfaction of the Prud. Com. You have a knowledge of the Ojibwa language which is very useful; for we must be permitted to express the belief that the teacher of your school will accomplish less for the Indians decidedly, if he wants this qualification. And you have the additional advantage of a good deal of experience in the peculiar work which you are now doing.

Suppose now that we obtain a man to take your place. We may be disappointed in his general fitness for this employment. This business of procuring teachers is something like a lottery. But if we are not unsuccessful, he begins his work with many disadvantages, when compared with yourself. He must be far less useful at first especially; & perhaps he will never be able to do as much for the Ojibwas as you are doing.

We do not know the length & breadth of the reasons which you have for making a change. But we have had some experience in this class of cases, & we have found that facts & feelings undergo a change, not unfrequently, in the lapse of a few weeks. We hope it may be so with you, especially as we have had no intimation until lately, that you had any wish to quit your present position; nor do we understand that your brethren were apprised of desire in the premises. Perhaps some improvement in your health, or specific circumstances, may give this whole subject a different aspect.

Having said thus much, I will add that the Com. do not wish to bring any undue pressure upon you. Much as they desire your remaining at La Pointe, they will acquiesce in your decision to leave, if you shall, after further consideration, feel that this is your duty. We hope, therefore, that you will seek wisdom from above in concert with your brethren, & endeavor to ascertain the mind of Christ, & so decide, that the "Great Day" will [illegible] your decision.

Affectionate regards to Mr. Ely & your associates.

Fraternally &

Sincerely Yours

S. B. Treat.

Miss. House, Boston,
April 5, 1849.

Rev. S. Hall
La Pointe, Lake
Superior.

Dear Brother.

Your letters of Feb. 10 & Feb. 14 were received March 24. I will first allude to the items of business mentioned in yours of Feb 14. Your opinion in the matter of the Red Lake station agrees with the action of the Com. From Mr Ayer I have heard nothing since my last letter to you. Hence we are not apprised of his final decision.

In writing on the subject of Henry Blatchford's labors, I did not intend to express any opinion as to the place of his residence. That is a proper object for the mission to settle, according to the provisions given to them. If he prefers that his family should be at La Pointe all the while, & this arrangement will not materially affect his usefulness at Bad River, I see no objection to the plan. The question of economy you will of course decide. My special object in writing as I did, was to secure the usefulness of his aid for Mr Wheeler & the Indians near him, & I had no specific plan in respect to his family.

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men. I have written to Mr. Ely, by the direction of the Prud. Com. requesting him to reconsider the question of dissolving his relation to the mission. As we understand the case, it seems altogether undesirable that he should leave. So far as we know, he is doing a good work, & we wish him to continue his labors in the same sphere which he now fills. If he determines to leave, we may find it difficult to ~~find~~ obtain a man at once to take his place; & then we may send one who will disappoint us all. And I agree with you, that some knowledge of Ojibwa seems to be important for a teacher. I trust you will exert all proper influence upon him, to induce him to remain. If the reasons for his going are valid, we ought not to endeavor to detain him.

Should he conclude to leave, I hope you will inform us with some particularity what kind of a teacher you want, mentioning all those things which you deem important. It will be well, further, if you state when & how he should perform his journey to La Pointe; how late in the season he can set out, &c.

Your letter of Feb. 10. I have read with special interest & care. What the future policy of the Govt. is to be in regard to the Ojibwas, I cannot predict; nor am I certain what it should be. Perhaps a change might result in greater concentration & operate, [illegible], advantageously. I [illegible] to leave every such problem of a kind & wise Providence. It is our duty to see that no step, obviously wrong or impolitic, be taken, if we can prevent it; but all beyond this we may trust to our Master.

I am glad to perceive that you have so much courage to go forward in your work of preaching the gospel to the Indians. Hope, pray, believe, these are "great words" for a missionary, as they express a prominent part of his duty. The Life of Brainerd shows what may be accomplished; tho the blessing is long withheld. I am looking for better days among the Ojibwas. But if we do not see them, & do our work so as to secure the approbation of the Master we shall not have spent our strength for nought. His smile is our highest reward. May you & I, dear brother, not fail to have it resting on us at all times!

I perceive that Henry Blatchford is getting over his lameness. Express my tender sympathy with him in his trial, & also my hope that God will make it a rich blessing to his soul.

Cordial salutations to Mrs Hall & all your fellow-laborers.

Very affectionately
& cordially yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
April 6. 1849

Rev. C. Byington
Eagletown Choctaw
Nation.

Dear Brother

As I hope to get away from the city next week for a little relaxation, I sit down to write a few lines to you, to pre- [illegible] you, of the ~~[illegible]~~ feeling evidence in relation to some things in your letters of Feb. 22, & Feb 28. I have had no vacation since I saw you in Stockbridge, unless my return, in all sorts of vehicles, could be considered such; & I feel that I must go off, if I wish to live. Dr. Anderson is laid aside for the present, as you know; & I wish to practise the art, in a prudent way, of sparing myself. You speak of your trials; & they are many. I know very well, & deeply too. But I do not know where to find the missionary, that I would not gladly exchange places with. You speak of the effect on your feelings produced by the attacks of Pres. Blanchard & others. These are mere flea bites to some things which I expect not very seldom, in our history. And they remind me that I saw this morning a letter of Miss Burgess to [illegible], in which she says some things which bear pretty hard on my poor ~~[illegible]~~ self. But I shall take it as the [illegible] of the [illegible] & make no reply. Fortunately, ~~[illegible]~~

I have a conscience void of offence in all the matters of which she speaks. But I remember what the Omniscient sees within me, & I am dumb. The heaviest charges which my fellow creatures can bring against me, whether true or false, are as nothing compared with the indictments which he might frame.

Mr Wright alludes to the non appearance of more letters or statements in the Herald, which relate to the Choctaw mission. Now it would give me much pleasure if the brethren would write letters for the Herald or Dayspring, but they very seldom do so. And this was a complaint that it was often made. The fault, if it is one, seems thro' all our missions to the Indians. I have generally been obliged to cull out passages here & there, that I might keep these missions from utterly disappearing from the public eye. And I think my report on the Choctaw mission ought to acquit me of any design to put you under a cloud. But I hope you will give me more, & all of the brethren, which I can use in our publications. Especially do I desire that you will remember the annual report.

To refer to your letter briefly, let me say (1) that I wrote to the Evangelist as you wished, but have received no reply. (2) The Alliance is a respectable paper; but Dorus Clarke is not a man who is much to my taste (this is inter nos.) He is not a favorite in this part of the world. He is considered worldly & close. (3) Your letters in the New York Observer I have not seen since they appeared. We have not their contents distinctly in mind. The heading of the cutting off letter I expected, because it created a wrong impression in regard to our doings & intentions on a material point. The [illegible], [illegible], [illegible] mainly, if not solely, Mr Barnes, as he [illegible]. [illegible] the rest, I [illegible] I had this feeling: "These letters will operate against us somewhat; but they may help our Choctaw brethren, & I am willing, for their good, to encounter whatever risk to us ~~that~~ may arise." Some persons complained of these; but I did not sympathize with those complaints. My greatest fear is, that they may create in certain minds a stronger prejudice against the mission, & so give us trouble in that way. But you we shall see. of the circumstances. It [illegible] Mr Copeland is on his way, as you know, with a young man for Stockbridge who is well recommended. And I have given him a special charge to spare no pains to get free help for the mission, at Cincinnati or elsewhere, & I hope he will succeed. If he does not, try, try, try. But [illegible] feel bound to kill yourselves, or injure your health, by dispensing with slave labor. We ask reasonable things; at least, so we think. If you & we do all that is reasonable in the case, we shall be sustained; & if we were not sustained, the Com. would face the consequences. We have men here who can look a storm in the eye, if need be, without winking. We wish to be right; & then we are not afraid [illegible] that you may be under the wrong impression in regard to your long letter in reply to mine of Feb. 1. I read with great pleasure [illegible] all [illegible] absent; for I have no [illegible] to [illegible] may take [illegible] & Christian cooperation that I am [illegible] writing [illegible] but not writing [illegible] more [illegible] Kind regards to [illegible] B. [illegible] Hall. [illegible] brethren in Church. S. B. Treat.

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Miss. House Boston

April 6. 1844.

Rev. Alfred Wright

Wheelock, Choctaw

Nation.

Dear Brother.

In a letter which I wrote to you a few weeks ago, I spoke of the appropriation to the school at your station, & of the circumstances. It is possible that we have not allowed you so much as we ought to have done, from not having all the facts before us. But we intended to allow you just what you have received heretofore; except that in the matter of printing we proposed not to make such appropriation in a gross sum, (evidently forwarded by the mission without much advice,) but to grant you what should be necessary, from time to time, on your representation of your wants. The Com. will not hesitate, I presume, to allow any sum for this purpose which you may ask. My attention has been called to the subject by reading a passage in Mr Byington's letter to Mr Hill. Fearing that you may be under the wrong impression in regard to this matter, I hasten to relieve your mind from any unpleasant apprehensions.

Mr Copeland, as you are aware, is on his return with 4 assistant missionaries. I have given them special charge in respect to the procurement of pro labor. You will find us ready to cooperate with you in this thing to any reasonable extent.

In the mean time, I hardly need remark that we do not wish our brethren & sisters to injure their health by any efforts they may make to dispense with slave help. We have no such thought; & never have had.

I shall look for the action of your mission with some degree of solicitude. As you will have seen my recent letters to Mr. Byington, I need not enlarge here.

Dr Anderson is in Virginia for his health. We hope that rest will restore him to his labors; indeed, we have a strong expectation of it. I am going off for a little relaxation from my labors, in two or three days. And this is my apology for so hasty a letter.

Present my Christian salutations to Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Dana, Miss Ker, & all your fellow laborers. I am pained to hear that Mrs. Wright has been ill from over exertion. I hope she will be careful, &, especially, not let her eagerness to get rid of slave help, render her unfit for more important labors than those of the kitchen.

Yours, fellow laborer in the gospel,
S. B. Treat

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Miss. House, Boston
April 27. 1849

Mr. C. C. Copeland,
Wheelock, Choctaw
Nation

Dear Brother

Your favor of 2 March [illegible] came to hand yesterday. As I am taking [illegible] from the Missionary House [illegible] days for a little rest, which I very much need, I sit down to write briefly [illegible] the present time. I am rejoiced to hear of your continued health, as also of your [illegible] more entirely devoted to the work of the ministry. I hope that a favoring Providence [illegible] enable you to carry your wish [illegible] into execution. When Mr. H. K. [illegible] he had no one engaged to take your place, but he may find some one on his way back. Perhaps the mission will think it best to have Mr. [illegible] Lathrop become the steward at Stockbridge. In that event, I suppose the Com. would [illegible] him. Should all other plans fail we must [illegible] what we can do by further inquiry in these parts.

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Miss Starr has been obtained for Norwalk to take Miss Cotton's place. From the tenor of your letter I hope that her health is improving, & that she may feel warranted in staying longer in the station. If so I should rejoice, as having no doubt that she can be useful almost anywhere. But I presume the question of her return to the north will have been decided before this letter reaches [illegible]walk.

We shall look for your action as a mission-[illegible] along with a good deal of interest. If your course shall be somewhat as I hope it will be, I hope we may get along. There has been rather too much written for the mission for the papers; but [illegible] can be overcome with prudence & patience. [illegible] is twofold: 1. that certain people will [illegible] against the Com. 2. & that certain other people will be prejudiced against the mission. Both are to be apprehended as serious evils. Our strength is to keep quiet, & manage that matter among ourselves. Enough has been done in public; let the rest be done in the natural way.

The publication which you request, I have not ordered, as supposing that you would not wish it, if you knew its character. The editor has a hobby which he is riding at the rate of [illegible] miles or more per hour. He is a millenarian, [illegible] all Scripture is made to bend to that thing. If you want such a work, it shall be sent.

Some missionaries are to sail in the [illegible] and soon for So. Africa; & I must write a few [illegible] Revd. C. [illegible] the rest of this letter. I could not [illegible] any better.

Cherokee friends regards to Mr C. & all with you &c.

Yours my brother,
truly
S. B. Treat

It has happened, somewhat strangely [illegible], that my stay at Fort Smith in January, 1848, has given rise to a little notoriety, & I write to you now to obtain some information on certain points, which must be as much to your knowledge as any one's in that part of the world. The matter is of no great importance, yet I [illegible] ask these questions, & I have been heretofore [illegible] to ascertain your impressions.

1. After the meeting of the Board, I found a report in circulation that I went from Fort Smith to [illegible] with a hired slave; who carried me, indeed, to that station. This of course, I denied, whenever the matter was brought to the notice of my [illegible]; but I took no notice of it in the papers; till a writer in the Christian Observer endeavoured to make me appear inconsistent, if not insincere, in the premises.

2 Next I found a statement afloat that I had used a [illegible] among missionaries to their detriment. This appeared in the one paper at least, & was often met with elsewhere. There is [illegible] under my notice; & I [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to get at [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] one [illegible]

Miss'y House, Boston
April 9, 1849

The Rev. T. E. Ranney,
Kidron P.O.
Cherokee Nation.

Dear Brother.

It has happened, somewhat to my surprise, that my stay at Fort Smith in January, 1848, has gained not a little notoriety; & I write to you now to obtain some information on certain points, which must be as much in your knowledge as any one's in that part of the world. The matter is of no great importance; yet I shall ask three questions, & I have been hitherto desirous to ascertain your impressions.

1. After the meeting of the Board, I found a report in circulation that I went from Fort Smith to Dwight with a hired slave; who carried me, indeed, to that station. This, of course, I denied, whenever the matter was brought to my cognizance; but I took no notice of it in the papers; tho' a writer in the Christian Observer endeavored to make me appear inconsistent, if not ridiculous, in the premises.

2. Next I found a statement afloat that I had hired a slave for conveying missionaries to their destination. This appeared in [illegible] paper at least, & was often met with elsewhere. When it came under my notice, I stated the case as it was.

I supposed a reference was made, viz., the employment of a slave by Mr. Kingsbury to take Mr. & Mrs. Bred, to the Choctaw mission, the agreement being allowed by me to stand when it came to my knowledge, as I had no right, if I had had the inclination, to annul it.

3. Thus the question has stood till last Saturday. Now, I learn from a letter of Mr Worcester to his brother, that the case of slave-hiring is not that of Mr Bred's knowing, but the one in which I was the sole agent. In other words, it is now said that I hired a slave to convey Mrs Ranney & myself to Dwight. The thought has never before occurred to me, that there could be a reference to this particular transaction.

Permit me, therefore, to request you to reply to the following questions. 1. Do you know how this story came into circulation? I do not make the inquiry, because I am disposed to blame any one; for I have not the least disposition of the kind. But if I know the history of the report, I can better understand how to deal with it.

2. What foundation do you understand there is for the report? What is said by those who have the best means of knowing the truth?

3. Do you remember what I said to you, bearing on this question?

4. Have you the note which I addressed to you at Fort Smith? If so, will you send a copy or the original as you prefer?

In general, I may say, that the point which I wish to get at is this; whether any one will state that I know or supposed that a slave was to convey you to Dwight. I have my own impressions about the matter; but I will not give them now.

I am sorry to be obliged to trouble you in this way; & I should not write to you, were it not that I wish to be certain in my answers to inquiries that may be addressed to me.

I presume that you are aware that Dr. Anderson has been constrained to intermit his labors for a season, owing to an overworked brain. I hope to get away this week for a little relaxation; for I have not had any strictly vacation since I came from the Indian country.

The steamer of Saturday brought news of the loss of Mr Pohlman, of the Amoy mission, at sea. This is the first death, we think, in such a mode of any of our missionaries, since the formation of the Board.

Christian salutations to Mr Ranney. Hoping to hear from you soon, I subscribe myself

very fraternally

Yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. House. Boston
April 11th 1849

Rev. S. A. Worcester
Tahlequah, Cherokee
Nation

Dear Brother

Your letter of Feb. 26 reached the Miss. House March 27. I have been expecting to find a leisure moment, from day to day, when I should be able to answer it; but I find myself just on the point of leaving the city for a little rest, which I greatly need, without having mailed the proposed reply. And now I can write but briefly & hastily.

1. I presume all at the Missionary House agree with you in regard to the propriety & duty of tolerating your mission, tho' you do not come fully up to our principles. We have never supposed that perfect agreement was indispensable to cooperation. But it has seemed to us that there was no need of haste in considering that point. It is before the public in the Special Report; & it is not best to urge delicate questions too fast.

2. As to the remark which you make about that part of my report where I speak of the sentiments held by "others", I think I could satisfy you, if I had time to go into the subject. But I have not [illegible]

seem to be very important just now. Perhaps I may allude to the topic ~~difficulty~~ hereafter.

3. I am not at all disposed to call in question your statement, that I do not understand the views of the mission. I have felt a degree of perplexity in this matter which has not embarrassed me in the case of the Choctaw mission. Perhaps the fault is altogether in myself. I am perfectly willing the mission should think so; & I will not have any argument with them, unless something hereafter shall seem to make it expedient. My wish is, to forget the things which are behind, & meet in a proper manner those which are to come.

4. And this leads me to remark upon the last topic in your letter. I feel greatly obliged to you for your frankness in suggesting the difficulty which may grow out of my letter of Jan. 17. In all such cases, I wish to be apprised of any unpleasant feeling occasioned by my ~~letters~~ communications, that I may correct any mistake which I may have made, or at least present the reasons which influenced me to say what my brethren will consider, perhaps, uncalled for & improper.

My object in writing that letter was as far as possible from saying an unkind thing. It was simply my wish to give a history of my thoughts & feelings, in order to place myself rectus in curia with the mission. I had no ~~thought~~ idea of casting any imputation upon the Christian integrity of any member of it; for I fully believe that you all have acted as honestly as conscientiously as we have. I frankly stated that I had found it difficult to reconcile some things in your Mission's letter. I am not alone in this. And I think ~~it~~ I could show to your satisfaction that ~~there~~ it was not very surprising that I felt this embarrassment. But I did not then, nor do I ~~wish~~ now, wish to go into that question. I am disposed to "let by-gones be by-gones", entertaining for all the members of the Mission feelings of as perfect confidence & kindness as I have ever had, or as I have for any other Mission with which I am connected. And if any brother among you has felt hurt by what I said, I desire to express my sincere regret, & to take out of that letter whatever can be considered as in the least degree offensive [illegible]. But

Permit me to add, that when your letter came, I put mine of Jan. 19 into the hands of your brother [illegible], & requested him to read that, & then yours; & he did not suspect that the Mission would take any exception to mine, till he came to your closing remarks. I hope most sincerely that your expectations in this respect will not be realized. If they are, & especially if this disclaimer shall not be satisfactory, I shall be exceedingly tried & grieved; not so much on account of my own personal interest in the matter, as because of the prospect before me in our continued correspondence ~~with the Mission~~. My comfort & peace of mind are of little consequence, compared with the interests of a whole Mission; & I can have very little hope of doing much for it & my brethren, if I shall for any cause fail to secure their confidence. (You can use this as you please [illegible] and especially [illegible]. [illegible], but trust you [illegible] S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
April 10, 1849

Rev. J. C. Strong,
Doaksville,
Choctaw Nation.

Dear Brother,

Yours of Feb. 9 was received on the 20th of March. I am much obliged to you for the contents; & I regret that I cannot reply at such length as I could wish. But I am just on the point of leaving the city for a little rest, which I very much need, & must answer very briefly & hastily.

You have seen from the papers the statement of the Com. which seemed to be called for by the abounding misrepresentations which were afloat in the community. I presume you were at Stockbridge last week, & saw my recent communications on the slavery question. Things have taken a turn which may have surprised you a little; but finding by letters from Mr Copeland, & as he says the missionaries are anxious to obtain free help, we have authorized the making of the experiment at once, of course. He is quite sanguine as to the feasibility of some plan for getting around the obstacles of it as suggested here; there will be more hope of overcoming these obstacles. On the whole, it has seemed to us here, that it is not best to urge this question to a final issue at once, for a variety of reasons; unless the brethren can come into our views. I think a little reflection will cause them to see some points in a little different light from what they now appear. At any rate, there will be time for the removal of some misapprehensions, & for the restoration of a better state of feeling between the Com. & the mission.

But I cannot discuss this question at length. You will not infer, of course, that the Com. are at all disposed to surrender their principles. They hold them as firmly as ever. But they wish to act with wisdom & prudence in the management of so difficult a subject. And it is very desirable that we avoid any serious division among our friends at the East. The Com. will not sacrifice any principles to gain this end; but a schism in the Board would be a great evil; & it ought to be avoided, if it can be consistently.

As to your own course, I have nothing to say now, because I don't know how the matter stands in your own mind, or with your brethren. If you still wish to leave the mission, it is very desirable that you should have the concurrence of your associates. I trust that there will be no difficulty here; & I should not hesitate to advise them to assent to your request, as best on the whole.

Miss. House, Boston

I presume, however, that some action, was taken on this subject last week.

I am sorry to learn that your eyes still trouble you. Before this reaches you, I hope that you will have found relief. Dr Anderson, you know, is now in Virginia, giving rest to an overworked brain. I think he will be restored, after he shall have had a few weeks relaxation.

Last Saturday we heard of the death of Mr Pohlman, of Amoy, lost at sea. The same day we sent off 3 missionaries with their wives to So. Africa, one of them a son of Dr Tyler.

Please to present my Christian salutations to Mrs S. Hoping to hear from you soon, I subscribe myself

Yours fraternally

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
April 10th 1849

Rev. John F. Aiton,
St. Croix, Minnesota
Territory.

Dear Brother

Your letter of Feb. 14 was received March 10. I have been waiting for a favorable opportunity to answer it, but in vain. And now I am just on the point of leaving the city to be absent 2 or 3 weeks, for a little rest, which I have not had for some time, & which I very much need.

But I am not willing to leave without writing a few hasty lines. I have been looking to receive a full account of your labors, & the state of things around you, & indeed, all those matters which I should like to know, as you may well imagine. Hereafter, I shall be glad to hear from you in relation to these matters. I am much less acquainted with the history & condition of your place than the other stations. The more information you give me the better. And you will bear in mind that I must write a report next summer, when facts will be important.

Boston, Ap. 23. 1849.

Rev. S. A. Worcester,
Park Hill, Cherokee Nation.

My Dear Brother,

[illegible] a letter [illegible] from Leicester last week I mentioned that Mr. Treat [illegible] from Boston, for a few weeks, for his health, which is not good, though about as good as it has been. [illegible] received from him yesterday [illegible] requests me to write [illegible] your letter of March 23d. was received [illegible], & Mr. Treat does not wish you [illegible] to answer his last letter, to the mission, [illegible] until he has time to write on the subject. He says however, "I should think well of their [your mission] appointing a Committee at their next meeting who may draw up a reply to ours, & have it in readiness for any action that may seem best. Perhaps they [the mission] may [illegible] between the one in the Spring & in Sept."

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Your affectionate brother,

I. A. Worcester.

Mr & Mrs [illegible] [illegible] at the time of the receipt of your letter. Hee is expecting to set out for your place about the 1st of May. It was not certain that Mrs H. would accompany him when he may leave, her friends wishing her to remain till autumn. I am pleased with them both, & I have little doubt they will be true yoke-fellows. [illegible] the Lord grant you all his rich blessings.

Excuse the haste in which I write. I hope it will not be [illegible] we are greatly hurried at this time [illegible] for a long time.

Kind regards [illegible]

[illegible] S. B. Treat.

Miss. House. Boston. Ap. 23d. 1849.

Rev. S. A. Worcester,
Park Hill. Cherokee Nation.

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In a letter which I wrote you from Leicester last week I mentioned that Mr. Treat is away from Boston, for a few weeks, for his health; which is not good, though about as good as it has been for sometime. A line received from him yesterday requests me to write a line to you. Your letter of March 23d. was received last Friday. (Ap. 20.) Mr. Treat does not wish your mission to answer his last letter, *to* *the* mission, (to which your letter refers) until he has time to write on the subject. He says however, "I should think well of their [your mission] appointing a Committee at their next meeting who may draw up a letter in reply to ours, & have it in readiness for any action that may seem best. *Perhaps* they. [the mission] may have a meeting between the one in the Spring & in Sept."

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I. R. Worcester.

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Miss. House. Boston
May 21, 1848.

Mr. Simon Annance.
St. Francis, Canada
East.

Dear Sir,

We have had doubts for some time as to the propriety of our continuing your salary as teacher of the school at St. Francis; inasmuch as we have feared that the amount of good accomplished would not justify the expense. But we have recently received such information as makes the case very clear.

You are doubtless aware that Messrs. Parker & Sawkerly visited St. Francis in January last. They subsequently reported the result of their inquiries. Tho they did not advise us to disband the school, they mentioned such facts as made it seem probable that this step should be taken. I have since corresponded with Mr Rankin, who has known the past history of the school, & the difficulty of securing the attendance of a suitable number of scholars; & the account he gives of the case settles the question in my mind. The Committee have come to the conclusion that they cannot any longer keep up the school which you are teaching. You will not expect them, therefore, to pay your salary after the present quarter. Up to that time they will pay your usual allowance.

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Miss. House Boston
May 21. 1849.

Rev. P. P. Osunkhirhine
St. Francis, Canada East.

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draw on Mr Hill, or send word by telegraph asking to know if you may draw. This is not the way we do business. We want the case before us. Then we will see what we can do.

3. I have written to Simon Annance that we cannot continue the school any longer. We do not think that enough is accomplished by it to justify the expense. I will also say that the money which we have paid for that school heretofore, does not seem to me to be well laid out. I sincerely regret that so little good has been done by it. We expect the salary of Simon Annance to stop with the present quarter. When does the quarter end? The $40 which he last received, was it for this quarter or the last. Please to let me know how the matter is.

I have received other papers from Stanislas & others, making complaints against you, & alleging that the examination of Messrs Pinkler & Humberly was made in the absence of Stanislas &c. &c. I have taken no notice of these papers. If I should visit St Francis this summer or next, perhaps I may ask some questions about the matter. For the present, however, you need not give yourself any trouble in regard to this business. Just go forward with your work. Do all the good you can. Be a holy, prayerful minister of Jesus Christ, & thus silence all your enemies. This is the best way to put a stop to such things.

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Let me hear from you soon. And be sure to send me a full account of your missionary work, the state of your churches, &c &c, before long, that I may be able to prepare a suitable report of your mission for the Board which meets at Oswego in September.

Yours
in the Gospel of
Christ
S. B. Treat.

Miss. House, Boston
May 23. 1849.

Rev. J. C. [illegible]
Doaksville, Choctaw
Nation.

Dear Brother.

Your letters of Feb. 26. & March 7. (enclosing a copy of Mr Tyler's,) & another without date, were received on 19th of April. I returned to the Miss. House a few days ago, a little stronger, I hope; but I am obliged to be cautious. If the Lord has more work for me to do, I have no doubt he will enable me to do it. If it shall please him to excuse me from another visit to the missions, or the perplexing errand of settling slavery or kindred questions, I shall be most grateful.

I regret that I have not time to say a few words, in regard to one or two points presented in your last letter; but presuming that you will be most anxious to hear from me on a particular subject, I write in haste, at the earliest opportunity, to relieve your mind as soon as possible. Let me say, however, I have some hope that the Choctaw brethren will change their views in relation to the practical working of the slavery question in certain respects. I had not much expectation of this when I was among them; but within the last few weeks, I think I have seen signs of progress. They are certainly more willing to conform

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of the minutes of the last meeting [illegible] and the vote

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Miss. House Boston
May 24, 1849.

Rev. E. Hotchkin,
Doaksville,
Choctaw Nation.

Dear Brother

Your letter of March 1. addressed to Mr H. K. Copeland & myself, did not reach me till April 19. It seems to have been "lost at sea," if one may judge from its appearance; or, in other words, to have been immersed in some Arkansas river. You are already aware that Mr Copeland had left these parts some time before the letter came; hence nothing could be done in the matters that were written for his special notice & action. The teacher whom we have sent, & who has doubtless reached you already, I commend to your kind care, as one greatly beloved by those who know her well, & honored by us who know her but little. I trust she will prove all that you wish. There was some apprehension in regard to her health; but her physician said all that could be expected in any such case. My hope & expectation is that she will be a very valuable helper in your important work.

Miss Slate, I presume, will remain at Goodwater. Should that be the decision, it has my cordial concurrence. And may the Lord bless her labors.

You speak of having another ordained missionary associated with you; but you do not state the plan which you have in your own mind. I might infer from your language, that you were disposed to lay aside the preaching part of your labors, & devolve them on another. This, I take it, you will never do. Nor do I suppose that you contemplate such a course; but only a relief from the multiplicity of your labors. Your desire for such relief I can readily appreciate; & I am sure that I should be glad to render you any assistance in my power.

But what is your design or wish in regard to the location of the new missionary? Shall he live at Good Land or Good Water? If at Good Land, where is Mr Breed to labor? And, indeed, will he be wanted at all? If I get at the state of your mind, & the actual wants of your field, a man might be at Good Land, & preach wherever it might be best, & thus do about all that is needed. He would relieve you very much, & his expenses would not much exceed those of Mr Breed.

But I will not say more on this subject, till I understand your wishes more fully.

My main object in writing at this time, was to speak on another topic. I see that the mission has passed a resolution in favor of your or Mrs H's visiting the north this summer. The idea of your coming had not entered my mind; but I thought it very likely that Mrs H. might come, & I had no doubt that she needed the benefit of such a journey. For her sake, I hope it may seem best that she come. But if it is thought preferable that you should make the proposed visit, I will say, as you said to me, when I first arrived at Good Water, "You are as welcome as any body." Whichever may come, I hope to see him or her at my house in Boston. But I give you warning that my family will be out of the city in July & August. Please not to come, therefore, during those months. I am sometimes afraid too, that all our plans may be affected by the Cholera, which seems to promise us a visit this summer. Were it not for any thing of this kind, we should be pretty sure to be in Boston thro' June & early in September.

The subject of a visit to the north, either by Mrs H. or yourself, I brought before the Com. at their last meeting; & they readily & cordially gave their assent to the measure. You will feel at liberty to come yourself, or send your good wife, at our expense, as may seem best. And may our gracious Master give you a prosperous journey!

I have not received your letter on the subject of slavery; I suppose it is on the way.

We have not much of special interest. Dr A. is in Virginia for his health still. We hope he is improving; & we expect him back in about 3 weeks. I have been away for rest a few days, & feel somewhat better. We have wonderful tidings from the Nestorians. God is doing a work there, the like of which, all things considered, has hardly been seen in modern times. At other places we hear the Lord's presence in his saving power.

Kind regards to Mrs H. & all your fellow laborers.

Yours in the Gospel of Christ

Miss. House, Boston
May 25, 1841.

Rev. D. S. Butrick,
Kidron P. O.
Cherokee Nation,

Dear Brother

It gave me pleasure to hear from you thro' your letter of April 17. And I am truly thankful that God enables you to perform any kind of labor; but I hope that you will not feel unduly constrained to attempt what may prove to be beyond your strength. If our Master takes away our strength, just so far does he release us from the responsibility of labor. I trust he gives you a calm & sweet assurance of his favor, & that he will never leave you or forsake you.

You need not fear that your discussions of the slavery question will displease me. I hereby give you full permission to write all that is in your heart. I have supposed that we do not precisely agree on some points; but I think we can differ as children of a common Parent, & love each other none the less.

I have been led to suppose that a sentence or two in a letter to Bro. Worcester may have occasioned you some pain, and to others in your mission, that nothing was farther from my thoughts than such a result. I did not intend to wound the feelings of any brother, but only to state

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how you could approve brother [illegible] letter on slavery, drawn
up by Mr. Worcester, if you understand it as I do. But I never
had the least doubt of your sincerity & good faith. I
believe both yourself & Mr. B. to be as honest & true men
as any others; & I should be most happy to sit at your
feet, & receive instruction in the things which pertain to
our common salvation. But it often happens, in theology &
ethics, that a man will hold principles which he thinks
are consistent with each other, while another is not
able to see the consistency.

I have alluded to this topic, merely to relieve
your mind, not to ask you to ~~write~~ show to me how you
harmonize your views. I do not wish to lay any such
burden upon you; for I am satisfied that the matter
should remain just where it is. My only desire is that
I may not be considered as having written unkindly,
at least with design.

Should Miss Hall go to Dwight, I hope you will
do what you can to make her situation pleasant. She
needs Christian sympathy & considerate treatment, as her
health has suffered somewhat among the Choctaws. I
think you will do well to avoid discussing the
slavery question. Her nervous system can hardly bear
exciting themes.

I hope Mr. Miller & other friends will give me full reports, to aid me in preparing for the Annual Report. I shall need them by the 1st of August. I hope Miss [illegible] will furnish a full account of the school. Will you have the goodness to mention my wishes to Bro W. & wife.

Yours in the gospel of
our common Savior
S. B. Treat.

Miss. Rooms, Boston
May 25, 1848

Rev. S. A. Worcester,
Tahlequah, Cherokee
Nation.

Dear Brother

Your two letters of March 23 & April 16 are before me. I will say a few words on the slavery question in another communication to be sent probably herewith. The other topics brought to notice in the aforesaid letters, I will briefly consider now.

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here, tho' greatly to be deprecated here. The families of the
issionaries must be supported of course; & indeed, the great bulk
of our expenses cannot be materially restricted, as it is necessarily

a constant quantity. The schools & the press are almost the only branches of our operations that may be considered as in any sort variable quantities.

Now you can easily imagine how disastrous it is to close schools, especially in some parts of the heathen world. When the experiment was tried in Ceylon a few years ago, it was found to be most unfortunate; & the evil effects of the measure have hardly passed away even now. So that, in truth, the press is that part of our work which can be touched with least injury to the cause. Hence then the reduction was very considerable.

When we came to your estimates, I feared lest the Com. would say, "The allowance for printing ~~estimate~~ must be somewhat reduced". I, therefore, pleaded the case for you, in some measure, I think, as you would have done, adverting to the very facts which you bring to my notice, as also to others which I had learned while with you. I put the claim upon the ground of its "specialities", & succeeded in preventing a reduction. At the same time, the Com. wished me to write to you, requesting that you would keep down the expenses of the press as low as you could, not because they had any doubts of its usefulness, but because they felt themselves in straits, & it was quite uncertain how they should come out at the close of the year.

My other inference is, that you took the exhortation to economy rather more seriously than I intended. True, I felt bound to carry out the wishes of the Com. as above expressed, & do what Dr. Anderson has been obliged to do in a great multitude of cases but I did not expect to throw any constraint upon you [illegible] that should interfere with [illegible] expense of time, or [illegible] very materially with your usefulness in the book-keeping department.

I am aware that I have given a very hasty & imperfect view of this matter; & I fear that I have failed to satisfy your own mind. But the subject is a very broad one, & can hardly be exhausted in a single letter, or, indeed, in a series of letters. We are obliged to pay more attention to it than we wish, & I suspect if you could be here for a little while, & talk over the matter freely, you would be satisfied.

And let me say here, that the Cherokee mission fared better than most of our missions in the allowances for 1849. To the Sandw. Islands brethren $30,000 were given; but they asked for $39,000. We deducted $50. from your estimate of Mr Butler's expenses, because of what he said to me at Fairfield. If we erred in that particular, it was in consequence of that conversation. We did not allow the $[illegible] for the new station, for reasons already known to you. All the other estimates were allowed, which I thought was doing pretty well for you.

2. I appreciate your remarks in regard to the new station, under date of April 16. There seems to have been some misapprehension on both sides; but it will do good, I think, in the end. You will understand our principles & also our difficulties all the better, for the discussions & explanations which the case has occasioned. As I have said in a previous letter, I am not at all surprised that the affair took the course in the mission which it did. I do think, however, that our doctrine of mutual advice & consultation & supervision is an important one. We are so accustomed to its practical workings, that we do not perceive the difficulties which you & others may feel. In fact we ourselves are under this law constantly. Nothing

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letter to you. I am aware that I have no wish to disturb the [illegible] of it ought not be disturbed; but I have understood that all concurred in the opinion that it ought to be improved, I concluded that an examination of the subject would do good.

The doctrine to which you advert, viz. that the want of present fruit is not a proof that a particular class of labors is uncalled for, (I do not give your language, but put the idea into a different form,) is one which we are often obliged to consider. I agree with you perfectly as to the principle; but I have been led to believe that there was something peculiar in this case. Indeed the painful disclosures at Dwight, during our mission meetings, have haunted me ever since. Whether there is any thing more than came out on that occasion, I do not know; & it is because of this ignorance & uncertainty, that I have not felt in regard to the school just as I would now expect. Still I have no expectation of bringing the matter before the Com. unless some new facts shall seem to make it expedient, at least for the present. The state of things may change hereafter; & Providence may indicate what should be done. In the mean time I earnestly hope & pray that the Spirit may descend upon the school & all connected with it; & that it may be seen of all more to be a rich blessing to the Cherokees.

On the subject of additional helpers, I have written to the station. I fear that it will be found very difficult, if not impracticable, to obtain such a woman for the kitchen as you describe. We came near securing the services of one who was highly recommended; but I doubt whether she had all the qualifications enumerated in your letter.

I returned to the office here last week, after an absence of about a month, somewhat improved in health, tho' not so vigorous as I could wish. Mr. Anderson is turning his face homeward, & will probably be here in about 3 weeks. He is better; but he will be constrained to be careful. Mr Greene is in the full tide of farming, & he seems to be pleased with his vocation. He has recovered $3000 from the Rail Road Co. thro' the carelessness of which he was so grievously & unfortunately injured. He has besides some $7000 or more. He will need it all for his 11 children.

Remember me affectionately to Mrs. Ann Eliza, & all your children. Please to present my kind regards to Mr & Mrs Foreman, & also to Mr John Ross, should you think of it when [illegible]

Sincerely & fraternally
Yours
S. B. Treat

P. S. I trust you & your brethren will keep in mind the Annual Report, that we have ample materials. Your letter was full last year. Can you not give some general views of the condition, progress or prospects of the Cherokees, or something of the kind, which I might use. Suppose you present the results of missionary labor among them.

Miss. House Boston
May 26. 1849

Rev. S. A. Worcester
Park Hill, Cherokee
Nation.

Dear Brother

As your letter of March 23 relating to the subject of slavery was received while I was away from the Missionary House, & consequently had no "letter book," I preferred to wait till my return before answering it. Your brother, however, wrote you a few lines at my suggestion. Whether you appointed a Committee on this subject at your May meeting, & whether, indeed, you received his letter before that meeting, is of course uncertain. And now, on looking at your letter again, I am left in doubt whether you were to meet in May at all; tho' I have had an impression that such is your custom.

As to your answering my letter of Jan. 8. it seems to me desirable that it should be done (if you are prepared to narrow down the debateable matters, as much as I suppose you are) before the annual meeting. If we can show the Board that there is but little difference between us, or at least that we are approximating ~~each others views~~ to an agreement, the effect will be good in many respects; tho' there may be some clamor in certain quarters. It will tend to relieve your minds, & those of the Cherokees; while we shall feel that one unpleasant job is near its termination. And possibly it may assist in the disposition of the Choctaw question. I hope, Therefore, that you will see your way clear to write as before the meeting of the Board.

And now as to the contents of the letter. It seems expedient that we should present a few points in which we [illegible], as soon as may be, as possible. [illegible] a paragraph like the one which you have still, if you feel bound in conscience to say as much, about [illegible]. There are not a few who would lay hold of such a matter to the injury of the Com., or the Mission, or both. Besides, I think that there is no inconsistency in two positions which you have arrayed against each other.

We first state our views as to the mode in which the gospel is to be published generally. It is to bear on every form of wrong, although yet the time, place & mode, &c, are left to the missionary. Next we speak of the mode of dealing with those who have become personally interested in the gospel. Our ideas on this point are expressed at large in the letter to the Choctaw m. We suppose that when a slaveholder comes into [illegible], inquiry to know his duty from the missionary, or, as the latter has a peculiarly favorable opportunity to talk with him on the subject, so that the relations of the parties are changed from what they were before. In other words, there are reasons for introducing the topic now which did not exist before.

And finally, this individual proposes to join the Church. Hence the relation of the parties is still further modified. A man is about to enter covenant with the Great Head of the Church, & become a member of his visible kingdom. Hence the missionary should be cognizant of his views & feelings on these other questions which take their character & interest, [illegible] I throw out these things merely as suggestions.

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& learn whether the peculiar state of his affections. If he is connected with any practice, &c, which is generally or often or occasionally sinful, the missionary should ascertain his sentiments in regard to that practice, his feelings, &c. &c.

I have not time to dwell on this topic, but must refer you again to the letter of June 22. But you may ask, "Is there no discretion left to the missionary?" I think there is. The Com. do not mean to say how or when precisely you shall make the proper inquiry on this subject. It may be that you have become perfectly satisfied, before the slaveholder presents himself for admission to the church, by means of previous conversations, as to his views & feelings. If so, there is no necessity for going through any form of questioning as to his relations to slavery. The thing which we have in mind is this, that the missionary shall satisfy himself, some where in his intercourse with the candidate, that he is a slaveholder in no such sense as should debar him from admission to the church; in other words, that he stands acquitted of guilt in the sight of his Master in heaven, whatever may be his external relations to the system.

In regard to this topic perhaps you can say that you agree substantially with the Com. as to the course to be pursued, or will endeavor to carry out their intentions in your practice, or something to this effect. And you can also say that you do not suppose the Com. desire a *formal* pledge, which, as members of Jesus Christ, accountable to him before & above all others, you cannot in conscience give. If you prefer so you might add, that you can conceive of cases where you should not think it expedient to propose such inquiries, by having become satisfied previously or in some other way, of all which the Com. would wish you to ascertain. I throw out these things merely as suggestions.

Perhaps you can add another thought to your 2d head, viz that you are as desirous as the Com. can be, of that your churches should take high unexceptionable ground as to this & all other matters of discipline.

I have thrown out these ideas hastily for the consideration of yourself & the mission, not as making binding what you shall say. I think, however, that the more you express an agreement, & the less you express a difference, keeping your hearts with integrity, as I have no doubt you will, the better.

I have not yet received the letter prepared by the Choctaw mission at their April session. I have some hope of saving these brethren. But oh! that we knew the blessedness of keeping secret! Their letters, scattered here & there, have materially "damaged" their cause. They have raised some prejudice against us in certain quarters, but more against themselves in others.

Affectionate salutations to the missionary family.

Yours in the
fellowship of the
gospel.
S. B. Treat

P.S. As this letter is written on my own hook, without a consultation with the Com. let there be no allusion to it in your mission letter to us, if you please. But though I write without a conference I feel pretty sure how the Com. look at this matter.

Miss. House, Boston,
6 June, 1849.

John Tawse, Esq.
Secretary &c. Edinburgh
Scotland

Dear Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your favor bearing date 16th May; and am sorry to say that it did not reach me till after ~~the annual meeting~~ your Board of Correspondence had closed their annual meeting, as it would have been a pleasure to them to have it read. Their meeting was held as usual on Monday the 28th May when the report and accounts of President Lord were submitted to them and examined and approved. As the report of Dr. Lord was very encouraging, especially in relation to a number of the beneficiaries of the Society, I would

2, forward you a copy of it, but it [illegible] informed me that he shall soon report the state & prospects of the pupils under his care directly to yourself which I have urged him to do at as early with as much particularity as his convenience will permit.

The expenditures of the year for the beneficiaries at Hanover were somewhat less than during the year before, amounting to $447.14, for which amount, together with $1.56 for postage = $449. or £98:15:3 I have drawn on your treasurer Mr. Stevenson, of which please inform him.

The commissioners whom your venerable society has appointed to transact their business here would respectfully and gratefully acknowledge the confidence reposed in them, and will all accept the trust, & perform the duties devolved upon them according to their best judgement.

The officers of last year were, all

thus elected, viz. Hon. S. T. Armstrong Pres.
Rev. W. Jenks D.D. V.P.
S. H. Walley Esq. Treas.
David Greene Secy
S. B. Treat. Asst. Secy

Your Commissioners have proposed that the allowance for the support of Mr Wright, as your missionary, begin with January 1849. No commission, so far as our books show, was issued by your Society for Mr. Marsh, and we suppose that none will be necessary in the case of Mr. Wright. If you have any suggestions to make to him relative to his reports or his labors, please make them freely. We shall request him to make report to you very fully respecting the circumstances of the Indians under his care, & his labors & the results. We are sure that your Society & Mr. Wright will join with us in praying that the blessing of the Head of the Church may rest on the relation now formed, and all the labors prosecuted by the missionaries under [illegible].

when the various families of the redeemed shall be gathered together into one, rejoice in the fruits which shall be gathered from among these poor Indians for ~~which~~ whom your society is laboring.

To encourage you even in what seems, at the time, disastrous, let me say that, on Mr. Marsh's leaving the Stockbridge Indians, some of their old church members who best knew the value of the gospel & of missionary labors, were so much distressed in view of their forlorn condition that they betook themselves to special prayer, feeling that they could go nowhere else for ~~help~~ help, but to God. The result has been that up to our latest dates from them, they had, by the favor of Providence, had a preacher sent to them every Sabbath since Mr. Marsh left them; & more than that, divine influences had been shed down & 16 or 18 of the young people had been hopefully converted to God. Most respectfully & truly your servant in Chri

D. Greene Sec

Miss. House, Boston
June 2, 1849.

Rev. C. Kingsbury,
Doaksville, Choctaw
Nation.

Dear Brother

Your letter of March 21 reached the Missionary House, when I was away for relaxation, the first real rest that I have taken in a long time; for visiting Indian missions I found any thing but rest to mind or body. I was very glad to hear so favorable an account of the churches on the Bleau & Boggy. They deserve well, & I hope that we shall be able to do better by them. You will see most of this letter in the Herald. I wish you would write more for this publication & the Dayspring.

Yours of April 2 also came safely to hand April 26. I have not answered it sooner, because (1) of my absence, mentioned above; & (2) I was anxious to receive the letter on slavery before writing, which only came to hand 3 days ago. Before alluding to that, allow me to say that I am truly glad that you did not accept the Ft Towson Chaplaincy. In a temporal point of view, & as a post of quiet retirement, it was doubtless favorable. But the patriarch of Indian missions had better die in the work to which he has given his best days.

& no other place can he do so much for his Master's honor or his own, to say nothing of other considerations.

Another subject, suggested by your letter of April 2 & referred to in a previous letter of mine, deserves a brief notice, I mean the strengthening of the things that remain. You want more laborers, & I have no doubt the Com. will do whatever is deemed best by you. Did you consider this point at your late meeting? If not I think you had better do so as soon as practicable; for we can all now act on the presumption of our continued cooperation.

I do not know the reason of the break up at Spencer, & I think there is an explanation which is satisfactory. My own impressions in regard to the brethren there & their wives was very favorable, & unless there is something in the subsequent history of their labors, I should think well of appointing them. I think it would be well to have the views of Mr Ramsey & Mr Lowrey. I presume you have conversed with the former, & that may be sufficient; & I can see or write to the latter.

To conclude this matter, I hope the mission will take the whole subject of an increase of laborers into an early consideration, & write to me, giving the plan, places &c. You may rely on my cordial cooperation.

In this connection permit me to inquire where that history of the mission is which some of your number were to write. I deem it very important that it should be prepared; as it will help us just now in managing the slavery question, & will turn the attention of Christians still more to your labors. We shall probably publish it as

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a missionary paper. Write it for the people. Make it as good as you can. It will be looked with expanded [illegible] with [illegible].

I am glad to learn by your last letter that Miss Goulding & Miss Stennett are better. May the Lord spare them long for the service to which they have given themselves! My kindest regards please to present to them.

And now for the letter on slavery. Our hearts are made exceeding glad by this communication. I think it was the best thing you could do, because you have said all that we could ask you to say, & yet in the way which will make you the least trouble. The Cherokee letter, fairly interpreted, is very satisfactory too. And I have no doubt that the brethren will place themselves, in the eyes of the business, in a position which will gratify the great mass of our friends. Indeed, I can already see the end, I think, in that quarter.

I am glad you have brought out the reasons for hiring slaves, as you did. It was better that you should do it than we. I have no objection to your argument about the countenance given to slavery by the practice, tho' I do not altogether agree with you as to its conclusiveness. Many will agree with you, however, as does Dr. Pomroy, who is something of an abolitionist, yet a very reasonable good man.

I will send you a copy of my letter to the Cherokee mission, showing how we regard their letter too. I have not received their answer, but look for one that will narrow down the question still more. We shall be furiously assaulted by Prof. Blanchard & others, but let the storm come. We can breast it.

Affectionate regards to Mrs. K. & all associated with you; as also to your friends [illegible] Doaksville Dr. & [illegible]

In haste

Yours affectionate friend & brother in the gospel
S. B. Treat

Rev. J. C. Strong,
Doaksville,
Choctaw Nation.

Dear Brother —

Your letter of April 29 came to hand last Wednesday, May 29. You will have received my letter already in which I state the action of the Prud. Com. in the matter of your retiring from the Choctaw mission, whereby they give their consent to such a step, & agree to pay your expenses to a new field of labor.

I now write to say, that should you think it expedient to try some measures for the restoration of your eyes to their former state, you will feel yourself at liberty to take such measures as, after consulting with those who can best advise you in the case, shall seem to promise the speediest cure. And should no very [illegible] result appear so speedily as to come to a close by any [illegible] you can return to your native land. If you wish however, to stay at the West, it would seem better, other things being equal, that you should [illegible] rather [illegible] would be a saving of expense [illegible]

Boston, Miss. House, June 2. 1849

Rev. J. C. Strong
Doaksville,
Choctaw Nation.

Dear Brother

Your letter of April 27. came to hand last Wednesday, May 29. You will have received my letter already, in which I state the action of the Prud. Com. in the matter of your retiring from the Choctaw mission, whereby they give their assent to such a step, & agree to pay your expenses to your new field of labor.

I now write to say, that should you think it expedient to try some measures for the restoration of your eyes to their former state, you will feel yourself at liberty to take such a course as, after consulting with those who can best advise you in the case, shall seem to promise the speediest cure. And should no way for attaining the object appear so desirable as to come to New England, you can return to your native land. If you wish, however, to settle at the West, it would seem better, other things being equal, that you should proceed thither without coming north, as there would be a saving of expense. Still we will find the Com. disposed to be liberal with you as they are [illegible] with all their missionaries in similar circumstances. And I may be allowed to suggest, whether [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for your reflection, the Churches have [illegible] in slavery [illegible]; [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] is apparently the [illegible] state of the eye. The [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] have [illegible] [illegible] cordial sympathy in the [illegible] [illegible] I have been [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] particular [illegible] I [illegible] I have known what it is to be [illegible] & [illegible] hampered in my labors, by reason of [illegible] [illegible]; & I can well believe that your faith must be put to a severe test. But "all things work together for good to them that love God", I think I have found [illegible] so; & I doubt not you have likewise.

As regard to the slavery question, I have time to say but a word. We are glad that the Choctaw mission have done as they have in [illegible] matter. Even the resolutions will alone I have conversed, [illegible]. As to the letter of June 22 very [illegible], that will remain. The Com. will never yield those [illegible] & the Board will never condemn them. They will stand as long as you & I are engaged in the work of spreading abroad the knowledge of the Savior. But we shall not carry them out to their full results instanter; but give time for their due operation keeping our [illegible], on the end all the while.

I think it likely that you have not analyzed the [illegible] of the [illegible] very [illegible]. Should you do so, you will be surprised to find how near it fundamentally comes to your letter of June 22. And I am satisfied that our Cherokee brethren will put themselves on ground that will be perfectly satisfactory.

The Comm. have had no correspondence with Dr. Woods to my knowledge. Some individual may have given his own impressions; but I presume nothing has been said inconsistent with our previous action. Indeed I am quite sure on this point.

Remember me affectionately to all the brethren.

Yours fraternally in our Common Lord
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
June 4. 1849

Rev. S. R. Riggs
Fort Snelling,
Minnesota Ter.

Dear Brother

Your letters of March 7 & 24 reached the Missy House on the 26th of April, when I was absent, as you may have already learned. I returned to Boston a few days since, somewhat improved in health; but not what I could wish, considering the nature of my duties. Still I feel that I have every reason for thankfulness; & I am sure that the Lord has been infinitely beyond my deserts. And in regard to the future, I have no solicitude. I feel assured that God will do all things well.

I was glad to receive so favorable an account of matters at your station as your letter of March 7 brought to me. The Dakotas present a hard field, but nothing is impossible with God. And it may be a part of his all-wise plan to show how easy it is for him to bring a most unpromising people to the knowledge of the Truth. But there needs to be much faith on the part of the mission, as also on the part of their friends & patrons. Let us never forget that prayer moves the arm that "upholds the universe".

A part of your letter of [illegible] you will see in the Herald. Some extracts from the one of March 24 I shall probably make in the Annual Report. I shall look with a good deal of interest for your proceedings at the May meeting of the [illegible] I hope that something may have been devised that will bring you into a closer contact with the Sioux, & that will break thro' the ice which seems to encase their minds.

Mr Potter's situation appears to be a little unpleasant. At least it was so when he last wrote. I should judge it from his not having a passport too early when the Com. [illegible] gave him permission to proceed, to [illegible] [illegible], we did not anticipate any difficulty from a [illegible] of [illegible]. Indeed, it is not often that our missions are tried in this way. I hope & presume that some action has been taken in the case, & I need not dwell on the topic. He is a valuable missionary, & desirous to do good.

Your requests of March 10 have been attended to by the Cttee & I presume you will have learned before this time.

If you do not have [illegible] matter for our Annual Report, it may be worthy of your consideration whether [illegible] not some topics of general interest which may [illegible] [illegible] from you. What effect are the movements of the whites going to have on the Sioux? Will not the latter be obliged to sell out soon? If so, how far from Fort Snelling? What will they do in that event? Other subject will naturally occur to your own mind. You know that the number of persons in your mission who are inclined to write much is not large. Hence it is the more desirable that you should do what you can.

Mr Greene was at my house several days last week, attending our examination. He is in good health apparently; still the injury to his nerves is by no means removed. He has received $3000 from the Rail Road Co thro' whose carelessness he received the contusion which caused the paralysis. He has sold his place in Roxbury for $7,200, so that he has some property for his large family. He seems to like farming, & works himself quite diligently.

We shall look for Dr Anderson about the 1st of June. He is better, tho not well. His brain has been overworked with manifest detriment. Our New York Secretaryship is well filled at length by Rev. D. B. Coe.

We are making some progress in the slavery question. The Choctaw mission have adopted the letter of the Cherokee mission (which is nearly up to ours to the Choctaw mission of June 22, 1848) The Cherokee brethren will come up to the true ground to be taken in such cases very nearly; & the Choctaw brethren, I hope, will cheerfully & truly follow them. This is much better than we have feared.

Present my kind regards to Mrs. K. & all your friends.

Affectionately &
fraternally yours S. B. Treat

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Miss. House Boston
June 4. 1849

Rev. J. Potter
Fort Snelling
Minesota Ter.

Dear Brother:

Your letter of April 10 reached the Miss. House April 26. when I was absent a few days for relaxation & the improvement of my health. I returned a short time since, somewhat benefitted, tho not well. Perhaps I am about as I was in the Choctaw nation. Dr Anderson has not yet returned, tho' we expect him some 10 days hence. I fear he will not come back altogether restored. His brain has been too severely taxed.

Our strength at the Miss. House is far from being what we could wish. And yet the Lord keeps the wheels in motion; & he blesses the instrumentality which is better still. Whatever may become of us, the work will go forward. To him be the praise!

I was much interested in your letter. As I have not received any account of your meeting at Mr S. R. Pond's, of which I could hardly expect so soon, I know not what may have been done. Still I hope that some good place may have been found for you. And [illegible] be free. I think you will have no cause [illegible] We have [illegible] a reading [illegible] I have no doubt [illegible] welcome the [illegible].

I am much obliged to you for your remarks on the [illegible] missionary labor among the [illegible]. They seem to me [illegible] just and sound. You allude to certain [illegible] opposing influences. I should be pleased to have you [illegible] your opinions on that subject at length.

At the request of Br. Adams of your mission I wrote to the Com^r of Indian Affairs for a permit for the residence of himself ~~[illegible] Br. [illegible] & Hancock~~, among the Indians. Herewith I send the reply, as it is a matter in which you are somewhat interested. After reading [illegible] it to Br. Adams. Perhaps Br. [illegible] would like a copy. I should have stated that I wrote at the instance of Br. Adams for you all, not that he requested a permit for any except himself; but as it was [illegible] for him, I included the others also.

I have not seen your communications in [illegible] in respect to slavery among the Choctaws but expect to receive [illegible]. I have regretted the publication of some of the letters which members of the mission have written, & have said as much in my letter to the brethren. I think they will stop.

[illegible] brought their reply to our letter of June 22 they are willing to cooperate with the Com. in getting rid of slave labor, & as to the other points they adopt the letter of the Choctaw mission of March 1848. Is not this a step forward? I think we can see [illegible]

[illegible] Kind regards to Mrs. [illegible] [illegible]

Miss. House [illegible]
June 4. 1849.

Rev. M. N. Adams
Lac qui parle.

Dear Brother,

Your letters of March 19 & 29th reached the Miss. House, the former on the 17th of May & the latter on the 26th of April. Why one of them was so long in coming, I am not apprised. I suppose there was some delay between your station & the P.O.

In accordance with your request, I wrote to the Com.r of Indian affairs at Washington, asking for yourself & others in the mission a permit for your residence among the Sioux. The reply I herewith send. Tho' your particular wishes are not met in the case, I presume that every end which was had in view will be answered. I send this letter, & the copy of Hon. Mr. Medill's letter to me, in an envelope to [illegible], as he has some interest in the question. He will forward them to you from Fort Snelling.

I thank you for the information which you have given me in regard to your school. The result, tho' not so good as [illegible], is equal to my expectation. For the [illegible] at least we must labor [illegible] than by refusing Slaves to them. Moreover [illegible] these [illegible] may easily change the whole aspect of our [illegible] relations, when the set time to favor the [illegible] shall have come in. And should they not be; should the tribe of Indians be swept from the face of the earth without having received the knowledge of the gospel or the love of it; still he will be glorified by every earnest & well meant effort in their behalf. He rewards [illegible] his servants, not according to what they accomplish, but according to what they purpose & feel in their hearts. Many a missionary has toiled long, seen but little fruit, & then gone down to his grave. But his reward has been great in heaven.

I hope you will continue your efforts to acquire the language. Too much importance cannot be attached to success in this matter. God has often blessed preaching thro' an interpreter; but it is not the more excellent way.

As I have written to Bro. Riggs by this mail there is less reason for my extending my letter to any greater length. In that letter you will learn some small items of information. You will be particularly glad to hear that the Slavery question, among the Choctaw brethren is making some progress. They having adopted the principles of the Cherokee letter of March 21, except in regard to slave labor. And they say they are ready to do whatever they can to dispense with that.

Remember me kindly to [illegible] Adams & others

Yours fraternally

S. B. Treat.

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Miss. House Boston
June 4. 1848

Rev. T. A. Mills
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Sir

I have recently learned that several communications have appeared in the paper at Cincinnati, which is now under your direction, I believe, relating to the slavery question as it affects our Choctaw mission. May I ask the favor of a copy of the different papers which touch upon this subject? The reason of my request will be obvious. We do not receive the paper at the Miss. House; and yet I ought to be acquainted with whatever is calculated to throw any light upon the various points involved in this question.

May I also ask you the favor ~~that~~ your paper be sent us regularly in exchange for the Herald? You can receive the Herald at Cincinnati, or by mail. In the latter case, we will send. And place your paper on the exchange list at the Miss. House.

Prof. Stowe will give you the latest news in regard to the [illegible] among the Choctaws. [illegible]

Miss. House Boston
June 5, 1849

Rev. Asher Bliss,
New York Mission.

Dear Brother.

Your favor of March 1 was received March 12. It would have been answered at an earlier date but for my absence from the city. I have felt for some time, as my friends have felt, that I must have a little relaxation from my labors, or give out utterly. Accordingly I went away from the Miss. House 4 or 5 weeks, & have come back somewhat improved. Still I am advised by those who ought to know whereof they speak, that I must be careful.

The Lord has dealt with us very strangely of late. Dr. Armstrong is not. Mr Greene has retired, & is now leading the life of a humble farmer in Westboro, Mass. Dr. Anderson is suffering from an overworked brain. He will be at home in about 10 or 15 days, able, we hope, to labor carefully. And I am what I am. It seems but a very little while since all 4 of us were doing our work with perfect harmony & confidence among ourselves, & with fair prospects of continuing in the same relation to each other for many years. But the Lord has sundered our golden chain, & it is all right.

I have not received any account of your meetings or meeting of last winter. Was Mr. King [illegible] with us at the college House? You must not suppose that your doings are of too little importance to be reported. We desire to be minutely acquainted with whatever transpires. And I hope you have made arrangements for furnishing materials for the Annual Report. You did very well last year. A good deal of interest was excited by your account of the state of the mission. Let me have as good materials, if practicable, from your station. [illegible] me have a full statement [illegible] incidents, with [illegible] this afternoon. In compliance

with your request [illegible] Whether his health [illegible] party [illegible] [illegible] are [illegible] your

[illegible] report [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] eminent [illegible] or [illegible] [illegible] myself [illegible] realized [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] all your [illegible] [illegible]

Affectionately yours S. B. Treat.

Alex. [illegible] June 5th 1849

[illegible] Holt Co. Mo.

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Miss. House. Boston
June 5. 1849.

Rev. John Dunbar
Oregon, Holt Co. Mo.

Dear Sir

Your favor of May 7. was received May 28. & the contents were laid before the Prud. Com. this afternoon. In compliance with your request, they have voted that you be released from your connection with the Board. And I am happy to say that the relation which has so long subsisted between the Com. & yourself is now dissolved with undiminished confidence, on their part, in your Christian worth & in faithfulness as a missionary of the Lord Jesus Christ. Had the Pawnee mission been continued, it would have given us much pleasure to send you again into that field. But tho' I have had a strong desire personally to resume our operations there, there is so much uncertainty in regard to the future lot of the Pawnees, or rather so great a probability that missionary labor cannot be prosecuted there with safety & to advantage, that I have felt constrained to abandon all thought of doing any thing in thing in that quarter, at least for the present.

You will understand of course that Mr

Dunbar is also released from her connection with us.

You may be pleased to learn that Mr Greene, who formerly corresponded with you, is now on a farm in Westboro, Mass. His general health is good. His mind, however, has not fully recovered from the paralysis which he had two years ago.

Mr Anderson is now absent for his health. We expect him back in a few days. His difficulty is an overworked brain. He has been benefitted by his visit of some 10 or 12 weeks.

In regard to the books & instruments of the late Dr Satterlee, the Com. authorize me to say, that if you should be pleased to retain them, you are at liberty to do so, considering them as your own.

Present my affectionate regards to brother [illegible], of whom I have heard thro' Mr [illegible] [illegible].

Fraternally
Yours
S. B. Treat.

Miss. House. Boston
June 6. 1849.

Rev. C. Byington
Eagletown, Ark.

Dear Brother

Your letter of March 3-6 did not reach the Miss. House till April 19; & at that time I was absent from the city for my health. I have come back a little better, I hope, tho' I am not what I could wish to be, considering the amount of work which I have to do. Your favor of April 25 came to hand May 17; & last week I received your Mission letter on the subject of slavery. We are all made glad by this communication; for we think we can see the way of escape from our past perplexities. It seems to me that the Great Head of the Church was with you; & that he has thoughts of mercy toward you & us.

As I look back upon the history of this unpleasant business, I think I can see the hand of the Lord in all that has been done. He has not designed that man should receive the honor of any adjustment that might be made of this question; but that all the glory should be to himself. Hence he left me to indulge ~~very~~ almost no ~~better~~ hope of keeping the Mission, so much as I dreaded to lose it, if this were so with you. He let you write a letter that was kind & good in most respects, but I think was a little out of the way on certain points. Next came the Annual meeting, with Rev. Blanchard's demonstrations, & little yielding to the things which I think very undesirable. And afterwards [illegible] [illegible] made false reports of what I did & said [illegible]. Except there was trouble in [illegible] [illegible] I wonder that you felt as you did what you wrote for the [illegible]. Perhaps more wonder that [illegible] the [illegible] came. But they kept the "pot boiling" a while [illegible] some [illegible] & some one or other [illegible] of [illegible] the meeting, created [illegible] & prejudices [illegible] that the Com. & the mission [illegible] by the [illegible].

I [illegible] I can [illegible] all [illegible] has been [illegible] [illegible] good results. I [illegible] whether we could have got just where we now are, except in some such way [illegible] there it; & we have been [illegible], but all the [illegible]. Let us praise him, for he is wonderful in counsel & excellent in working.

We shall need [illegible] to be patient hereafter. [illegible] we can [illegible] the storm. Some persons [illegible] will make war on [illegible] at the next meeting of the Board, & elsewhere; but we can stand the shock. As the case now presents itself, you will find the Com. firm as a rock. And should you go into the Cherokee mission, or nearly so, in the winding up of the correspondence, there will be no trouble between you & us. You will find the Com. [illegible] & considerate & reasonable, making all ~~[illegible]~~ due allowances for your somewhat [illegible].

Let me say one thing just here. Be careful about writing for the papers, or what may get into the [illegible] in your letter [illegible] but seldom taken. I do not say [illegible] think of the remark of a clergyman [illegible] everybody thought he meant to [illegible] he was not [illegible]. A brother asked him one day, "How have you managed to hold on to your place here?" He [illegible] "There is a wonderful power in silence." And I hope you will have a thought, nevertheless, as to what what you do say in the matter will be likely to get out, & fall into unfriendly hands. Keep an eye upon the leakage. Things are misreported sometimes, & do mischief. Especially I hope you will not say or do any thing to weaken the effect of your last letter; as that you do not intend to alter your course, i.e. that you can go no farther. You have no occasion to predict what will be done. Let the future of unknown what shall be on the morrow bring its own disclosures.

I have not heard from H. R. Copeland since he left even by letter. But some [illegible] from Cincinnati lead me to fear that he failed to get free here, as he & we wished. If so, do not be troubled. Let us see what else can be done. As long as the mission manifests its present disposition in the matter, you need not fear. You are doing all that can be asked by reasonable men. You have reduced the number of hired slaves I understand, & you are anxious to get rid of the rest. We will go what we can. And here let me ask you to report to me the precise number of hired slaves at any given time you may select in [illegible], that I may state it at Oswego, & show the whole matter; what has been done since I was there.

There are, one or two points in your letter which demand a brief notice.

1. You will have received the Com. Bill [illegible]. Those [illegible] & [illegible] people they would suit you best particularly on the whole. The pamphlets, & the [illegible] & Bro. [illegible] the [illegible] Review, & you have, of charge, among yourselves 2 Editorial questions. I hope & pray that it pronounce [illegible] Wall & Keyes in the Report. I really feel grateful for the full reports from [illegible]. But, Bro. the praising some in a [illegible] & the rights of others, is a very ticklish business. We must [illegible] about it. You understand me, I doubt not.

As to your letter, I really supposed you did not think of it printed, else I should have been glad to put parts of it in the [illegible]. You say you wrote "in a conversational way" as more for my wife & children & myself. The letter was read, however, at Park St. Monthly Concert. Write another like it and see if I do not print it.

3. You say "is there no way to pay for the man's work?" I do not understand the question. We expect to give you a comfortable economical support. If you & the brethren agree upon a sum that will afford this, I have no doubt the Com. will make the allowance. If you & your brethren think you had better have a hired man at $12 a month, very well. We shall not demur, unless we are directly embarrassed; which we are not just now. We don't wish you & your good wife to be troubled about expenses, & we have confidence in your economy & good calculations & shall be ready, I doubt not, to do whatever you shall ask.

I have many things to say, but must stop. Be assured that we all have the kindest feelings towards you & yours & all the brethren [illegible] in our relations to each other [illegible]

Miss. House, Boston.
June 7. 1849

Rev. Alfred Wright,
Wheelock, Choctaw
Nation.

Dear Brother

Your favor of May 2, with a P.S. of May 7. I received yesterday. As one item of business seems to demand an immediate answer I write without delay. I [illegible] I will [illegible]

[illegible] of the Choct. Spelling Book. Mr. Marvin will print the, if we wish; he is the same individual who printed the Hymn Book. He will do the presswork at the usual rate; but for the composition he will charge some 50 per cent. more than for common work. I have no doubt he will be reasonable, as I have always found him to be in other matters. He will read the proof letter by letter. I must be excused from any responsibility in this particular; & I hope no doubt he will do the work as well as any one not acquainted with the language.

If it is important to have the job done at once, & you can get the books much earlier than by sending to [illegible], I think you had better send on a Spelling Book [illegible] as I can find no copy of the last edition in the Missionary House. I would say that the [illegible] is [illegible] much improved, that [illegible] will probably [illegible]

But should you send, as I have suggested above, please

& specify the size of the edition you wish, whether you want the books bound & how, & also in what way they shall be sent, &c. whether by Shreveport, Little Rock or Fort Smith. You will give directions in the last particular, as it may suit your convenience better to take them at one point than another. I should hope the work might be done in about a month, if they were not confined with other Missions at this point. Perhaps a longer period may be required.

I have written thus far with the presumption that the Com. will make an appropriation for this object, as I have no doubt they will, tho' I have had no opportunity to lay the matter before them. I write without authority to save time.

2 The Hymn Book can also be printed here, if you shall think it preferable to do so for the purpose of saving time. On the general subject of getting your work done here or at Park Hill, I am not prepared to speak. Two questions present themselves. 1. What is the comparative cost to you? 2 What effect will withdrawing your work have on the press at Park Hill? If the work can be done cheaper here (of which I am not sure) then it should be, unless there will be a corresponding loss at Park Hill. Can you enlighten me on the subject?

I need not say that if any MS. is sent it ought to be very plain, so that no mistake can be made.

3. Your statement in regard to expenditures is perfectly satisfactory. And I can now say that our financial prospects have so much improved, that the Com. will probably allow

any thing [illegible] the method [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of printing translations, &c. We know you to be reasonable men, & shall be happy to aid in this department of your labors.

4. Your advice to Mr. Breed appears to be most judicious in all respects. I wish he had heeded it; but [illegible] [illegible] to be something about his economy, & [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. When I heard that he was going to [illegible], I [illegible] it would be so. And [illegible] he remain. [illegible] [illegible] will cost as much as a [illegible] organized [illegible] [illegible] expected to do.

If Mrs. Breed's health [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to New England, it will be right for the mother to take that course. But if they shall remain, [illegible] shall write the [illegible] next Sept. to fix his allowance at what they think is expedient. And if he cannot live on such a sum as the [illegible] he may be expected to do with [illegible] others I think he ought to withdraw. Neither the mission nor the Com. are under any obligation to keep him in the field, [illegible] [illegible] from out of his prospective usefulness. He ~~[illegible]~~ went for a [illegible] purpose, & did not answer it. Had the brethren dispensed with his services from that time forwards he could have had no ground of complaint.

Mr Hotchkin [illegible] [illegible] for [illegible] [illegible] helpers. What do you think of placing such an [illegible] at [illegible]?

5. We are all gratified with the [illegible] of your [illegible] on the subject of slavery. We think the Com. are [illegible]. The [illegible] will be [illegible] [illegible] next [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] we can hear it; we shall be accused of [illegible], [illegible] out, &c. &c., but we shall not mind that, for we are accustomed to such things.

I am glad you have set forth the difficulties in regard to the slaveholding, in your own way, that the public may understand the ~~difficulties~~ embarrassments of the case. The argument which you term when the North ~~[illegible]~~ using cotton, sugar, &c. I do not object to, & shall not answer; tho' I do not admit the parallel between using cotton &c. & having slaves as a permanent thing. I agree that it is right to do it in emergencies. And I hope the mission will continue to do it, rather than leave Lawrence or Smith, [illegible], &c.

I regret the failure of Mr. Copeland's efforts to get Germans. But I rejoice that the effort has been made; & I am willing to go to the next annual meeting, on the facts as they now are; & affirm that we & the brethren have done as well as we could, & abide the consequences. But let us not be discouraged. Let us try again.

I shall soon set [illegible] comparing our answers to their 2d letters of the Cherokee mission, showing the points of agreement & difference between their 1st letter & ours to your brethren of Jan 22. I shall not ask you to write again at present. Perhaps we shall wait till the correspondence closes with the Cherokee brethren. With them, I am confident, we shall have no serious difficulty.

As I have seen some of Dr. Tyler's articles in our papers & have corresponded with him, I should have no difficulty, (aside from other evidence) in admitting the extracts in your letter to him. Had he written a few days later, I think his language would have been different. Still I am aware that some in [illegible] & elsewhere entertain the views which he has expressed. But I think the great mass of our friends sustain our letter of Jan 22, & I have some knowledge on the subject, if especially in interpretation of our Circular. There has been a great deal of fog & misapprehension in some minds, both anti-slavery & non-anti-slavery, about the force of our letter of June 22. Indeed it has been a constant marvel to us at the Mission House that there should be so little correct understanding of what we consider the plainest principles of action.

But I did not intend to go into this subject at length; in fact there is no occasion for it. Your letter brings us into the true relation to each other. "Let by-gones be by-gones." I have been somewhat tried at times, in the progress of this discussion, in various ways; but God saw that it was best that I should be thrown into just such a furnace. I fear, however, that I have not been purified as I should have been. One thing is clear to my mind, God has managed this question, or, rather, overruled the poor workings of his poor agents, for his own honor. No man can claim any glory from the progress of the discussion or the issue. It is all His. Let us bow before him in humble acknowledgment of his wisdom & goodness!

As I have said to Mr. Byington, we have none but the kindest feelings toward the mission. We shall hereafter, if you give such an interpretation to your last letter as I do, embark in the same boat; & the bitterness that come from the disaffected will fall on us in common. I do regret one thing in reviewing the past, (tho' I believe all has been ordered in wisdom for us) that you should have attended just such a meeting of the Board. I expect a good time at Oswego, tho' we may have a little rough water.

1. I rejoice that you have been able to visit the western
churches, & that they might have felt strong enough to
accompany you. I hope that something better can be
done for those scattered sheep ere long. What do you
think of Mr Stark's remaining among the Choctaws &
joining the mission? Where should he labor?

2. If you think [illegible] a suitable man for Armstrong,
I hope he may be secured. I presume you will have
been satisfied as to the reason of his leaving Spencer. I
have requested Dr Anderson (now returning from the south,
where he has been for his health) to call & see Mr Lowrie
in relation to the matter.

3. Let me have ample materials for the Annual Report.
Particularly inform me of the relation of the Choctaw
Government to the people.

4. Where is that history of the Choctaw mission? Let
us have a good one, & we will make a Missionary Paper
of it, & give it an extensive circulation. It would
do much good just now.

I have written in great haste. Christian salu-
tations to Mr W. & all your fellow laborers.

Fraternally

yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. House. Boston
June 6. 1849.

Mr. D. Breed, Jun.
Doaksville, Choctaw
Nation.

Dear Sir.

Your letter of April 17 was received May 17. As I was led to expect a communication from Mr Wright on the subject of your expenses, which did not reach the Miss. House till June 6, I have not been able to reply at an earlier date.

I am pained to hear of Mrs B's ill health but I hope that she will have recovered before this is received by you. I pray our Heavenly Father to sanctify the trial to you both. We all need such things to discipline us & prepare us for our work on earth & our home in the heavens.

You ask me to give you my opinion as to your expenses at Good Land. I find myself somewhat embarrassed by the circumstances, & hardly know what to say. It is a rule with us to require the action of our missions on all the expenses of the members; & on receiving this, the Com. make such an allowance as they feel able to make. Now it would seem from your letter, as also from Mr Wright's, that not only the

the Cttee have consulted, but that each of your brethren were dissatisfied with the amount expended by you since the meeting at Stockbridge. From what little I know, I infer two things 1. that you greatly exceeded their expectations in this matter, & 2. that the sum expended by you was more than the object aimed at would seem to justify. This being the case, you will see at once that we are placed in a very unpleasant predicament. Indeed, I do not see how we can take any action in the premises. The question, for aught I can see, must be deferred till the next meeting; & then if it is thought best by you & the brethren that you should remain at Good Land, it will be their duty to specify what sum should be allowed for your support. In the mean time I can only say that we wish you to use the utmost economy.

Should the health of [illegible] not improve as we hope it will, the [illegible] may [illegible] question as to what should be done. If [illegible] seems to make it your duty to return to the North, there will be no necessity for deciding the amount which should be allowed for your support.

It may be well, however, for me to express one thought which has been upon my mind ever since I was in the Choctaw country, which is, that it is very desirable that an ordained missionary should be located at Good Land. Such an one would find work enough to do [illegible] the spiritual [illegible]

At the [illegible] it will cost but little, if any, more [illegible] him than yourself.

I say this in all frankness, as the result of some experience in Missions, to let you know some of my impressions in the Oregon case. If the Mission shall nevertheless decide that you had better remain at Puget Sound, as promising better results for the Indians than the location of an ordained missionary at the post, I shall acquiesce. In that event, however, the salary should be determined by the Mission.

Please to express to Mrs Brand my Christian regard & sympathy. Also remember me kindly to Mr Fields whom I love & honor as a brother in Christ.

Yours very
truly
S. B. Treat.

Miss. House, Boston
June 4. 1849

Rev. R. Hopkins
Fort Snelling,
Minesota Ter.

Dear Brother.

My letter of February 10. I presume you have long since received. Yours of Dec. 26 - Jan. 23, as also one dated April 9. have been duly read & considered. For the first of these communications I feel particularly obliged to you. It gives me some information as to Dakota customs which I am glad to secure. And I have been interested in your views in regard to giving the Indians food. In consequence of my visit to the Cherokees & Choctaws, I have had some thoughts on this general subject; & I have felt that there were some difficulties embarrassing the question. It seems to me, however, that your practice, if I understand it, has been correct. It is important nevertheless to treat these poor people with forbearance & tenderness, even as a nurse cherisheth her children; & especially to make the impression on them that you are not governed by pecuniary considerations. But I suppose this will be better understood by them, the longer you reside & labor among them.

It [illegible] a great deal of much pleasure to receive tidings of [illegible] [illegible] from your station. That [illegible] [illegible] faithfulness & honesty in telling the [illegible] [illegible] in the common way, for Methodism in [illegible] [illegible]. We know not what it may [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] time to [illegible] the heavy [illegible] any of [illegible] we are flow of blood, tears & sweat, by toiling in [illegible] we see but little fruit of our toil [illegible] [illegible] foreign [illegible]. [illegible] when the [illegible] the [illegible] of encouragement from [illegible], he [illegible] [illegible] communion with his faithful & ever gracious Master.

[illegible] [illegible] differ materially as to the [illegible] for the success of their labors [illegible] I suppose that no success is more [illegible] other faithfulness [illegible] is that of a parent in [illegible] his children for God. There are exceptions & [illegible]. Some have much greater success than [illegible] [illegible], others have less. And it often happens that one who seems to have labored [illegible] was [illegible] the seed for an abundant harvest of the [illegible] for his day. Still I think that ministers should impress upon their minds the intimate connection true scriptural between their faithfulness & the fruit which they are reaping from their efforts. Such this happens to the general law. I hope still that the future history of your mission will come under the general law & not under the class of exceptions.

I may as well add, after what I have now written, that I have great confidence in my brethren of your mission. I am happy in regarding them as faithful & true fellowlaborers in the common cause of our blessed Master. Let us not faint in his service; for we shall receive our reward in due time, not of merit, but of his sovereign grace.

I have not received the particulars of your doings at the late meeting of the mission. The letter of sympathy & encouragement in my personal labors & trials came duly to hand, for which I am truly grateful. Had I known in Oct. 1847, what I was to pass thro', & the perils to be encountered, especially in regard to health, I might have shrunk back, & felt that the risk was too great. Still I have no doubt it was the Lord's will that I should go forward; & I have had much experience of his goodness. My disposition is to [illegible] nothing, & to labor quietly & silently, according to the ability which God has given me. Thus all around, in that [illegible] is, I have been made quite too prominent [illegible] in my case. But the trial will pass away, I trust, & may the Lord continue the blessing which I think I have somehow received at his hands.

Remember me affectionately to Mrs. [illegible], & to all your associates.

Yours in the common
Saviour

Miss. House Boston
June 9. 1849.

Rev. E. Butler M.D.
Flint. P.O. Cherokee
Nation.

Dear Brother

Your letter of April 11 reached the Miss. House May 17, & I have been waiting for a little leisure to attend to its contents. But I fear such a time will never come; & hence I must write as best I may.

It is often a grief to me, that I am obliged to write to the Indian missions so hastily & carelessly. But the Com. have put the work upon me, & I get along as well as I can. The only marvel is, that I have not ~~done much~~ made more mischief for my brethren & myself. Last November, I told Mr. Anderson & Dr Pomeroy, that they had better release me from my connection with the Miss. House, & procure some one, that had the requisite health & strength, with other qualifications, for my post. But they would not act upon the suggestion. I have informed members of the Com. of my constant dissatisfaction with the way my duties are discharged. Still I am neither relieved nor released. I am willing to do what I can; but it is a sore trial to be so limited, & to do even that little no better.

I have said these things to show you how I am obliged to carry on my correspondence; & that you may see how easy it is for mistakes to escape from me which may

But I cannot now enlarge on this topic, for it is not a pleasant one to my mind. I will only add, that I sincerely regret that I have caused my brethren any pain or disquietude by my unfortunate remarks; & I wish the offensive expressions to be considered as having never been written.

In regard to your views on the subject of hiring slaves, I need say nothing. They certainly ought to satisfy any one; & you need have no fear that the Com. will not be satisfied. As I have said before, I think you may carry the matter almost too far. I suppose that ~~occasions~~ circumstances may possibly occur, when it would be not only right but a duty to hire slaves; just as it is right to go for a doctor on the Sabbath, in certain cases.

You will be glad to hear that light has broken upon us from the Choctaw Mission. In respect to every thing but the hiring of slaves, they adopt your letter of March 21 as expressing their "views of principle". As to the employment of slaves they will do the best they can, with our aid. This is more than I had faith to expect. It is of the Lord! To him be the praise!

I hope your Mission will reply to my letter of Jan. last in season for the Annual Meeting. It is the more desirable, now that the Choctaw brethren have adopted your letter.

In regard to Mr Ranney's expenses, I trust the Mission will consider the matter next Sept. when the Estimates for 1850 are before you, & do the best you can, all things considered.

I wish we could send you a good man to help you. If I can find one, I will gladly do it. But such things are scarce, as you know. Affectionate regards to Mrs B. & all at your place. Hoping that the [illegible] you will be [illegible]

[illegible] yours in [illegible] S. B. Treat

occasion disguise any of [illegible] [illegible] better [illegible] or
expression framed against the [illegible]. thought of giving offence
to any one. Indeed, I cannot now [illegible] look at it in the
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] viewed by the members of your
[illegible] [redacted] our [illegible] points are differing
however, it is. If I had had more time for writing, I should probably
have expressed myself otherwise [illegible].

I have thought I would go into this matter at some
length, & bring together some of the circumstances which have
[illegible] [illegible] our views, (for I had special
[illegible] to yourself & Mr. [illegible] for expressed as different
[illegible]; [illegible] I [illegible] that any good will come of it. [illegible]
[illegible] would be ~~[illegible]~~ self defence; but tho' I think I
could make out a very plausible idea, I should only show how
I have *misunderstood* you, perhaps thro' my own fault, if
the [illegible] [illegible] that the most perfect *confidence* in your sincerity
& honesty, [illegible] always been uppermost in my mind. In looking
back to our interviews at Fairfield, [illegible] & Boston, I think
I can see that you have failed to express your opinions
correctly, ~~[illegible]~~ so far as I was *concerned*; & I have some
~~[illegible]~~ idea of the way in which it has happened. I regret ex-
ceedingly that your feelings should have been at Boston, as you
now describe them; & had I known what [illegible] [illegible] in your
breast, I might have done something to relieve you. And I may
say just here, that our Saturday evening interview seemed to me
[illegible] a [illegible] on all my hopes of [illegible] [illegible] harmonizing
[illegible] opposition. I thought that Providence might bring [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] & that [illegible] that led me [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] being [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] one of my [illegible] [illegible]

Miss. House, Boston
June 13. 1849.

Rev. T. E. Ranney,
Flint P.O. Cherokee
Nation.

Dear Brother.

Your letters of March 30, April 16 & May 11 have been duly received. The two first came when I was out of the city for the benefit of my health; & when I returned, I concluded to wait till I should be favored with your reply to my note of April 9, before writing to you, especially as I found my hands full of necessary & pressing labor. For all of these communications I am much obliged; & I will endeavor to answer them briefly, as they may seem to require, in the order of the topics therein discussed.

1. My supposed want of confidence in the mission. In what I said in respect to Mrs. Ranney & yourself, I uttered only just what I felt then, & still feel. And I rejoice to be able to say that I have entire confidence in the integrity & devotedness of all the Cherokee missionaries. As the matter lay in my mind, there was no inconsistency in saying what I did about the slavery question, & what I have now said. And I think, moreover, that if a third person were to read the letter to which you refer, he would have the same opinion. Still I may be mistaken; & if my remarks occasioned a degree of uneasiness which I had no thought of producing, I regret having made them. I am the farthest being in the world from any wish to say or do aught that should wound one of my Cherokee brethren

As you will have seen, it is probable my explanatory letter to Mr Worcester, I will not dwell on this topic. I will only add, that in making as I did, that reference mainly to Mr Butrick & Mr [illegible]. To them I have made explanations which I hope will be satisfactory. And I can truly say, that if my brethren of your mission have been troubled by this matter, I have shared fully in the trouble, as having been the unfortunate & unintentional cause.

2. The expenses of your station. The history of this question has been peculiar & somewhat unpleasant hitherto; but I hope it will come out right in the end. Several causes have operated unfavorably to a good understanding, on all ~~[illegible]~~ around; but I hope they will be inoperative hereafter. (1) My correspondence with Mr [illegible] last Sept. did not prepare me for an outlay that should draw ~~much~~ very heavily on us. His estimate, as you know, was quite moderate, and he took into the account some advantages & aids from the Cherokees which you have not realized. (2) The state of the treasury last autumn, & (3) The inexperience of the mission in such matters, had their influence. In relation to the last cause, I suppose if the mission had proceeded as other missions do, particularly those beyond sea, we should have had a better understanding of each other's views, & less trouble.

But I do not allude to this subject with any wish to stir up the past. "Let by-gones be by-gones." As for the future, I think that will take care of itself. We do not wish you to live in a house that is not comfortable for yourself & family; & I have no doubt that the Com. will sanction what the mission shall advise in the case. I trust you will confer freely with your brethren at the Sept. meeting; & let them include in their estimate such a sum as they shall think you ought to receive. But, I presume, the Com. will readily allow. The principle of mutual consultation & joint recommendation is one that runs thro' all our operations. We at the Miss. House are governed by it constantly. Our own salaries, as well as our plans & acts, are subjected to it. And this is one reason of the economy & efficiency of our missions as compared with those of the larger English societies. Even the London Miss. Soc., to say nothing of the Church & Wesleyan, have a different & less satisfactory mode of managing some, if not all, of their missions. Our plan, on the contrary, is to make each mission, as far as possible, its own regulator. And when a question comes before us for action, we want the collective wisdom & suffrages of all the brethren to aid us in coming to a just decision upon it. But I have no occasion to enlarge on this subject. I have no doubt you fully acquiesce in the republicanism of our system.

3. I am glad that you have taken hold of the Cherokee language; & I hope you will persevere till you find, at least, how much can be accomplished by an adult in mastering it. I can hardly believe that this tongue is more difficult than all others; but in China, India, Syria, missionaries become fluent preachers in the native language. You will do me a special favor by keeping me apprised of your progress and let me know, in particular, what are the chief difficulties that prevent success in this department of labor.

4. The slave hiring at Van Buren. I have neither leisure nor inclination to say much in regard to a matter that is not particularly agreeable to me. It has been a source of much regret, that my poor name should be kept so prominently before the public, when there was so little occasion for it.

The letter of June 22 to the Choctaw mission was assailed more fully by the Anti-Slav. Cong.; & I must say it was irregular & unfair to hold up that document as "the Treat letter", in such a way as to create the impression that it was my act in particular. The New York Observer & Christian Observer have both pursued a very exceptionable course in this matter; & it was with profound sorrow that I saw the republication of the N.Y. Observer's account of the annual meeting at Boston in the Cherokee Advocate. It was directly fitted to injure me in the estimation of your mission, as also in that of the Cherokees generally.

Suppose the facts were just as they are now claimed to be, i.e. that I made a bargain with Mr Mann that his slave should take you & others R. to Dwight. I knew of no other way of providing a conveyance for you, that should be at your command when you reached Fort Smith. It was a days journey to Dwight, & Mr Hitchcock could not know when you would arrive, neither could I know whether it would suit his convenience to send for you just when you would wish to make the journey. Hence with the knowledge which I then had, I should have felt warranted in hiring Mr Mann's slave to transport you & your baggage to Dwight. If a man makes up his mind that his duty calls him to travel thro' a slave country, he must expect that cases will occur when contact with slaves will be unavoidable. If I had had occasion to hire a wagon conveyance at Memphis, e.g. & had known no other way but to go to a livery stable, & the owner of the establishment had sent a slave with me, I should have had no scruples. And this was substantially the case at Fort Smith.

And all this is consistent with our letter of June 22. We admit fully & distinctly that in cases of necessity, the services of [illegible]

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may be said. But we think that the arrangements of that matter should not be such as to make such slaving a permanent thing. The difficulty of the Choctaw case is, that we have got the boarding schools on our hands, without knowing what was the course of things in this particular. And now we must get along as best we may. If we cannot be freed from our contract, we must hire as few slaves as possible, & dispense with the whole number as soon as may be. The Board will stand then upon the ground of employing only free labor, except in cases of temporary & unforeseen emergency.

Now for the facts. First of all, I will say that I have no recollection of getting my horse shod at Van Buren. I am pretty confident that Dr. [illegible] had that matter done at Little Rock before I started. & I think my next instance of horse shoeing was at Tahlequah (Dr. Butler's time). Several circumstances make me think that [illegible] has probably confounded me with some other person.

Secondly, it ~~was~~ would have been very natural for me to inquire for the best horseshoer, & employ him, "asking no questions for conscience sake." Nor can it be inferred, from his statement, that I knew anything about the slavery involved in the matter. And if I had, I do not think that I am such an abolitionist as to put a horse into the hands of a bungler, because he happened to be a free man!

As to Mr. [illegible] slave, I have no recollection that I obtained the impression that the person who was to drive for us was a slave. I think he was spoken of simply as a "man". "He would send a hired man," he said; or perhaps it was his man; which would not convey to a Yankee's ear the necessary idea of bondage. I have no doubt now that Mr. [illegible] had a "slave" in his mind's eye; & Mr. Worcester, & Mr. [illegible], knowing the circumstances, also had. But I was ignorant of Mr. [illegible] & all his relations previously, & should not necessarily understand him, as the others would have done.

The black man who took Mr [illegible] to the Choctaw nation, I knew was a [illegible] at Fort Smith; tho' I did not know in what precise relation he stood to Dr. [illegible] Until [illegible] I have heard spoken of as being a slave to ~~[illegible]~~ Cary & [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], I have always supposed that case was intended, I had not the smallest idea that your [illegible] was referred to till the past spring. This is one circumstance, with others, which makes me doubt that the slave of the [illegible] was not before my mind when I made the [illegible]. Perhaps enough was said for me to infer the fact; but my attention was drawn to other things more particularly, such as the [illegible], & hence I may not have [illegible] its importance.

But enough of this. I sincerely hope, my dear brother, that our interchange of letters will be more agreeable & profitable to us both hereafter. I take no delight in these troubled waters. I would rather hear from you of your [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], & of the success of your work. The Lord grant that I may have such communications from you frequently & hereafter, on my part, it shall be my highest joy to cheer you on in your labors, saying only those things which you will be glad to hear.

It is a proof to me that I have too little time for my correspondence with the Indian brethren. Were there any one to take them from my hands, I should ask to be released from this part of my labor at once. But I must go forward, & do the best I can; and yet it pains me all the while that I do the work so imperfectly. Perhaps this is one of the ways in which I am to be taught humility. I have had many such lessons, [illegible] [illegible] to very little purpose. But the Master knows, I think, that I would gladly give up my place to a better man.

I have ordered the Herald & [illegible] sent. I did not know but you were receiving them. Affectionate regards to Mrs. K., whom I heartily congratulate, as well as yourself, on your [illegible] after years in the service of Christ.

S. B. Treat

(The [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] from [illegible]. We have [illegible] for [illegible] for things we have done, to [illegible] to have the matter put right.)

Mass. Hosp. Boston
June 14. 1847

Mr. Chas. Copeland
Wheelock, Choctaw
Nation.

Dear Brother

Your letters of April 17 & May [illegible] were duly received. I thank you sincerely for the [illegible] as I obtain a better view of what was done at your meeting at Stockbridge, than I could otherwise [illegible]. I am glad that you have so good a prospect of a release from your duties as Steward at Mount [illegible]. And when I next hear from you I hope it will be under date of Mt Pleasant. Should the [illegible] think it best to employ Mr. [illegible] at [illegible], I know of no objection. As I understand the case, there is nothing in his [illegible] Spencer Academy, which should raise any barrier.

Should you go to Mt Pleasant, I trust you will give yourself with all diligence & earnestness to the preaching of the blessed gospel. Three things will particularly demand your attention. 1. The language. Make it your aim to become a fluent & correct speaker of the Choctaw. This is very important. 2. Biblical & theological knowledge. Endeavour to make yourself [illegible] your studies [illegible] eminently Scriptural & practical. Let the results of your labors take a shape that will bear directly & powerfully on the hearts of the people. 3. Personal piety. This the fountain, whence must flow the streams which [illegible] [illegible] poor Choctaws. Be much in prayer & self examination, & in meditation on the perfect character of God, his holy law, & above all the wonderful plan of redemption. Try to live in habitual communion with the Lord Jesus Christ.

Before I leave this subject, permit me to ask for a full report from Mt Pleasant, if one is taken; & also please to see that I have a report from Norwalk. I want the statistics particularly. The last Herald will show what I mean.

As to the want of prominence given to the Choctaw [illegible] in our publications, I can truly say, (1) there has been no design in keeping you out of sight, for the last six years, as I can testify. (2) The brethren of the mission have written but little that was adapted to our publications. Nearly all the communications have been of a business character. I have repeatedly [illegible] & asked & talked with the [illegible] [illegible] that he could not [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] consultation on the subject when I was with you. Hardly any thing has come since, however, that I could use. [illegible] in the Herald & Dayspring [illegible] Mr Byington wrote me a good letter, which he would have [illegible], but I [illegible] him to keep me the promise. [illegible] the [illegible] of Byington have [illegible]; but it [illegible] letter [illegible] probably [illegible] when they seldom or come in thick. We have a limited number of pages, & at times run short of matter; but at other times we superabound. Last year I intended to compensate the deficiency in Herald & Dayspring notices, by a fuller report than usual. That has excited a great deal of interest in your mission. I have [illegible] Dayspring [illegible], that nothing is read so eagerly & extensively as our "Recent Intelligence."

I hope the brethren will write more for the publications, & I will do my best to give them a hearing. This is a trying business, but I endeavor to keep a conscience void of offence. We hope to have a new paper, double the size of the Dayspring, of a somewhat different character. Then we shall have more room.

I think we are "getting out of the woods" in the matter of slavery. I rejoice greatly at the course the Mission have taken; & I begin to see light ahead. But I have written to other members of the Mission on this topic, as you will have learned, & I need not repeat what I have said here.

It would give me much pleasure to hear that Mrs Cotton is in better health. Please to give her my kind regards. [illegible] Pitkin is moving forward as usual. I presume Hanover[illegible] are very kindly to him. Simon does him honor at the Hanover school.

Christian salutations to Mr Copeland. If you are at Mt Pleasant on the receipt of this, present my affectionate sympathy & regards to the [illegible], if they are there.

Yours very truly
S. B. Treat

Miss. Rooms, Boston
June 14, 1849

Miss. Lydia S. Hall,
Fairfield, P. O. Cherokee
Nation.

Dear Madam

Your letters of April 25, & May 14 have been duly received. I was sorry to receive so unfavorable an account of your health as the former brought me; & I cannot but indulge the hope that you will be much better when this epistle reaches you. The journey which you have taken by this time, may have had a happy effect on your spirits; & new scenes may impart a degree of life & buoyancy that the past four months have failed to give you.

The trial of ill health is one that I know something about. It is an easy burden to bear at certain times; but at others I have found it heavy & grievous. My difficulty has been mainly that I felt inadequate to the performance of important duties; & this has eaten like a canker. But even this I have learned in some measure to endure; & the discipline, I hope, has been profitable to me. It is sweet to think that God demands just what we are able to do; & he is not a hard master. The willing mind is all that he asks.

In reference to your future course, permit me to say that I suspect that you and I have thought alike.

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full consent, of the station also consult. I must confess, however, that, so far as the school is concerned & the interests of the station, it would seem safer to wait till you hear that a lady is on her way, or at least engaged, for your place. It would not be strange if Mrs Hotchkin's return should be delayed by the Cholera.

My own health is a little better than it was in the winter. I am obliged to use much care of myself, however, & know not what is before me. Mr Anderson is expected at home next week. He is better, but not well. He will be under the necessity of delaying any more study. We are a frail brotherhood; but God often makes use of the weak to do his work, that the glory may be his. So may it be in our case. He is teaching us very valuable lessons. O that I could profit more by them!

I think we are making some progress in the slavery question among the Choctaws. We have reached a point which I never expected to reach; & I hope for a good deliverance from the perplexities of this knotty subject in due time. The spirit of the brethren appears to be very kind, & by a little forbearance we may move along. I am very sorry that Mr Copeland failed to get Germans for the mission, as he & I intended. But we must try something else.

Let me beg you in conclusion to preserve a calm & hopeful temper in your new field. Perhaps the Lord has a great work for you to do there, among those [illegible]. I shall be happy to hear from you often.

Kind remembrances & prayers to all our brethren & sisters at the station. The Boston Recorder will come to [illegible]. Very truly yours S. B. Treat.

Miss. House, Boston
June 15, 1859.

Rev. C. Kingsbury,
Doaksville, Choctaw
Nation.

Dear Brother.

Since my last letter to you I have taken pains to ascertain the feelings of the Ex. Com. of the Gen. Assembly's Board of Missions in regard to Messrs. Stark, Gardner, & Bissell, & whether there is any thing in the relations of these brethren to their former employers which should make us hesitate to give them an appointment. I am sorry to say that the inquiry has disappointed me.

As Dr. Anderson was returning from Virginia two weeks ago, I addressed a note to him, requesting him to call on Hon. W. Lowrie, & ascertain the facts in the case. Dr. Anderson has not yet returned to Boston, but he has written to us so that we have his impressions in the case.

1. There does not seem to be any thing in the relation of Mr. Bissell to the Pres. Board which should be an obstacle to his coming into connection with us. I infer this at least from the tenor of Dr. Anderson's letter. Should I find on a personal interview that there is any difficulty in the case, I will inform you.

2. The most of the gentlemen who have the direction

of the Treaty [illegible] are such in regard to other States, that we should not feel at liberty to appoint him, as the case now stands. It would be necessary for them to bring themselves into different relations to the [illegible] of the [illegible] appointing Board.

In regard to what you have done heretofore, however, so far as I understand the case, I see nothing to object to, you have availed in his assistance in your emergency. The gentlemen at [illegible], I believe, do not take any exception to your course. And I suppose if you should still have need of his services as a temporary assistant, in any of your stations, there would be no difficulty.

3. In regard to Mr Gardner, tho he may not now be before your mission, yet as he may possibly cherish such a purpose now, I deem it proper to say, that the way does not seem to be open for his appointment. I think it not improbable that the obstacle might be more easily removed in his case than in Mr. Stark's, but I am not sufficiently acquainted with the facts to give an opinion of any value.

Mr Ramsey, I presume, can explain all these matters to your entire satisfaction. Perhaps he has done so already. I confess I am sorry that Mr Stark cannot come into connection with us; but we must try to get some one else.

Yours very
fraternally
S. B. Treat

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Missn. Rooms, Boston
June 15, 1847

Miss. H. N. Hayes
Eagletown Choctaw
Nation.

Dear Madam

Your Letter of the 14th ult. would have been very welcome, but for the request therein expressed, that you may be allowed to retire from the Choctaw mission. As you have said nothing on this subject (of leaving) while others have said so much, I have been hoping that you would consent to remain at your present post for an indefinite period. These changes are undesirable on many accounts; and yet there are cases where Providence seems to make the path of duty plain.

It does not appear from your letter that you have conferred with any members of the mission in regard to the step which you wish to take. Regularly, there should be a vote of the mission; as they usually do in such cases. At any rate, I think Mr Byington should be consulted; and if he, on reflection, after conferring with the brethren, should assent to the measure, I should consider the way sufficiently clear [illegible] and [illegible] that [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] that you may [illegible] [illegible] charge [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] as [illegible] which [illegible] [illegible] complete satisfaction.

I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] look [illegible] some one to take any place that may become vacant in the mission. Miss [illegible] daughter of Rev. Anson Gleason, [illegible] to join the mission, as [illegible] teacher, & [illegible] to take charge of [illegible] one of the [illegible]. My only fear is that she has not quite [illegible] enough. But I will make inquiry.

I am glad to hear so favorable an account of the improvement of your pupils. [illegible] I regret that the Spirit is not given to them for the renewing of their hearts. So much in prayer that [illegible] [illegible] may not be withholden.

The separation from Miss [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], has been a trial to you. And I am sorry that we have so little prospect of retaining her in our connection among the Cherokees. I have been afraid of her longer continuance, from the tenor of occasional [illegible] of her recent letters, that her system has [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of her labors among the Choctaws, & that she really needed a release from this kind of toil.

My own health is better than it was last winter. The slavery question is giving me less trouble than [illegible]. I hope to have less of care & solicitude about some things that I have had for the last year [illegible]. [illegible] will [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] weeks, [illegible] improved, I trust, tho' not well. We are embarrassed about with [illegible] & not for Miss [illegible]; yet we live on, & try to do what we can. [illegible] more unworthy to be employed in such an enterprise.

Kind regards to Miss [illegible], & all at your station.

Very affectionately
Yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
Jan. 16. 1849
Rev. S. A. Worcester
Park Hill
Cherokee Nation

Dear Brother

Mr. [illegible] sent a copy of his letter to the Cherokee mission on the slavery question, as being in reply to their letter, the substance of which you have adopted. I wait for an answer before the annual meeting at Bangor, which will bring the correspondence nearly to a close. We shall not ask any thing further from you, I presume, till we see the end in that case; & then probably your way will seem sufficiently plain before you.

I have thought I should say a few words to your present course; tho' it is hardly necessary in writing such words. The main thing is to keep quiet. This you understand, & I hope the rest of the mission will hereafter. I trust none of you will say or do any thing which shall seem to conflict with the principles of the Cherokee mission letter. In fact, there is no reason so far as I can see, for any thing being said or done that shall raise a question whether you have meant just what you have written. That would be unhappy in its influence if it should reach us at the annual meeting.

With all the [illegible] here, you will be [illegible] to [illegible]

Miss. House, Boston,
June 16. 1849

Rev. C. Kingsbury,
Doaksville, Choctaw
Nation.

Dear Brother

Herewith I send a copy of our letter to the Cherokee Mission on the slavery question, it being our reply to their letter, the substance of which you have adopted. I look for an answer before the annual meeting at Oswego, which will bring the correspondence nearly to a close. We shall not ask any thing further from you, I presume, till we see the end in that case; & then probably your way will seem sufficiently plain before you.

I have thought I would say a few words, as to your present course; but it is hardly necessary as matters now stand. The main thing is to keep quiet. This *you* understand; & I hope the *rest* of the mission will hereafter. I trust none of you will say or do any thing which shall *seem* to conflict with the principles of the Cherokee mission letter. In fact, there is no occasion so far as I can see, for any thing being said or done that shall raise a question whether you have meant just what you have written. That would be unhappy in its influence if it should meet us at the annual meeting.

And let me say here, you will do well to the earful of language. Things got out, in a detached shape, from your part of the world, & [illegible] particularly [illegible] persons. Of course, I do not consider any thing [illegible]. All I mean to say is, it will be well to keep in [illegible] come north, that he shall not suffer the record of the [illegible] single & unguarded expressions taken out of their connection, will not always be the[illegible]. And I think, moreover, the [illegible] instruments, as they are specially concerned in carrying out the principles in question, should have an understanding amongst themselves, as to what they will say, [illegible] no [illegible].

[illegible] find that it [illegible] [illegible] things among the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] are not likely to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible] since I parted from you on that early morning in [illegible] the [illegible] has been [illegible] as well as I [illegible]. [illegible] that, if you had sent the first letter, we should have come to about the same point, with less trouble & friction. I presume, in that case, the Conv. would then have sent the Cherokee [illegible] for your consideration as that was considered here as breaking the prospects of a pleasant solution of the [illegible] present, which now [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. It was much beyond what I expected, & of course [illegible] yet I was perfectly content. Praise [illegible] to [illegible] Blessed Lord.

What [illegible] to your coming north, of the [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] your [illegible]. [illegible] your [illegible], [illegible] to his [illegible]. [illegible] very [illegible] that, [illegible] as you have been, kept the [illegible] of [illegible]. I have all the thoughts for your consideration. [illegible], I am sure, would be glad to see you [illegible].

Miss. House, Boston
July 10, 1849.

Rev. Wm Hall,
Allegany Reservation.

Dear Brother,

I arrived in Boston on the evening of July 4, as well as I expected to be, "used up", i.e. unfit for business for 2 or 3 days. But I am feeling more like myself & able to go thro' the summer, if it be the Lord's will, without serious inconvenience. Mr Anderson I found engaged in business moderately; but as is upon his good behaviour, we feel that we are compassed about with infirmity. But our gracious Master can use the feeblest & most unworthy instruments for his glory; perhaps he will employ us a little longer; perhaps he will soon throw us aside. His will be done!

My object in writing to you at this time is more particularly to say that

1 the Com. have made a grant of $50 to your sister, which you can draw for at once. They have done this with great cheerfulness, as I anticipated; & should your sister need another appropriation, I hope you will not hesitate to let me know. Please to present my kind regards to your sister, & my Christian sympathy. May the Lord sustain her;

worship his will be attending, or we have a joyful
[illegible] from this earthly tabernacle [illegible] an abundant
entrance into the heavenly [illegible].

2. The Com. cheerfully authorize Miss [illegible]
to [illegible] Rev. [illegible] anthem. They will
cheerfully [illegible] expenses. And I sincerely
hope that [illegible] see her way clear to return
[illegible] her very useful labors. She will of
course give me a call in Boston.

I intended to bring up the matter of Mr. [illegible]
[illegible] hypothecated removal to Allegheny [illegible]
[illegible] there is so much business before us that
[illegible] felt constrained to defer it. I am not at
all anxious that he will quit the church. Indeed
I think it probable that he will not. But we
shall see. [illegible] leave the matter in your
hands.

I am writing in the Com. Room during
the progress of the business, keeping my ears open
to what is being presented. Hence the brevity & general character of this communication.
Kind regards to Mrs. Hall & the children. [illegible]
[illegible] for her.

Affectionately & truly
Yours
S. B. Treat.

[illegible] I am trying to get
a man for [illegible] may have a long pull
for it. If Bro. Hall can find a suitable
man he had better press him into the service.
Please to say so much to him.

I would write you more at length,
and I leave, that we are now in the Com.

Miss. Rooms, Boston
July 10, 1849.

Rev. L. H. Wheeler,
La Pointe, Lake
Superior.

Dear Brother

Your letter of June 6, I have laid before the Com. this afternoon; & I hasten to apprise you of the result.

1. You are authorized to procure a bell not exceeding in weight about 100 lbs. We suppose of course you will not pay more than the usual price. We leave the matter in your hands, as you will know best what directions to give in regard to its transmission.

2. You are authorized to procure an associate of the character you describe in your letter. We leave this matter in your hands, because we find so much difficulty in procuring teachers & lay assistants of every sort. I am trying to get a man for La Pointe, but may have a long pull for it. If Bro. Hall can find a suitable man he had better press him into the service. Please to say so much to him.

I would write you more at length, had I time. But I am now in the Com.

[illegible] in [illegible] to the business, my personal attention at the same time that I am pleased [illegible] you.

I infer that Mrs Wheeler's health is better. I hope Mrs ~~Ca~~ Copeland's also is so. My kind regards [illegible] ~~Christian~~ Choctaws, please to present to her Nation.

Dr. Anderson is once more at his post, working moderately; Mr. ~~[illegible]~~ [illegible] also. I am tolerably well, nothing more. The Lord can keep us in ~~your letter~~ [illegible] reached here this morning, as thought. The weather is "baking hot", & I have much to do, I therefore make[?] to reply at once. Affectionately & truly

S. B. Treat

I am glad to receive your communication from you, dated at [illegible]. You are now entering more especially & exclusively on the business of preaching the gospel. I trust you will gird yourself for the great & noble work. Let your heart be in the enterprise; & let your spirit be made strong by daily answers to prayer for the divine blessing.

As to the language, I hope you will be able to dispense with an interpreter as soon as may be consistent with other interests. I consider this more important than ploughing & digging; tho' I cannot lay down any rule that shall adjust the precise relation that physical & mental labor shall bear to each other. Still I wish you to keep the acquisition of a preaching knowledge of Choctaw [illegible] you. We do not wish preachers to devote their [illegible] to secular labors, merely [illegible] of hands.

Miss. House, Boston
July 10. 1849.

Mr. C. C. Copeland
Doaksville, Choctaw
Nation

Dear Brother

Your letter of June 5 reached me this morning. Though the weather is "baking hot", & I have much to do, I throw aside to reply at once.

I am glad to receive a communication from you, dated at Mt Pleasant. As you are now entering more especially & exclusively on the business of preaching the gospel, I trust you will gird yourself for the great & noble work. Let your heart be in the enterprise; & let your spirit be made strong by daily earnest prayer for the divine blessing.

As to the *language*, I hope you will be able to dispense with an interpreter as soon as may be consistent with other interests. I consider this more important than ploughing & digging; tho' I cannot lay down any rule that shall adjust the precise relation that *physical* & *mental* labor shall bear to each other. Still I wish you to think the acquirement of a *preaching* knowledge of Choctaw early before *you*. We do not wish *preachers* to devote their time to secular labors, merely to save of funds.

On station & day school question I think you had better leave to the decision of the mission. Let them, after an expression of your own views & feelings, recommend that plan for your station, subject to the decision of [illegible]. I have no doubt that they will be guided [illegible] a wise result.

S. B. Treat

And in regard to the matter of expenses, I hope you will pursue the same course. Let the brethren, after due explanation, say what you need in the way of special appropriation to put the station in the condition it ought to be in; & also what you ought to receive for your ordinary expenses. I presume the Pru. Com. will approve & ratify their action.

You allude to the probable want of a school in the fall; but as you propose no definite plan, I suppose you do not expect me to say or do any thing in the premises. Should the mission advise the opening of a school in the autumn, perhaps you could find a teacher somewhat nearer than New England. Possibly you have some one in your eye. Before the question is decided by the brethren, it will be well for them to inquire how much has been accomplished by the school heretofore, & whether the expense is justified by the result. I have no opinion in the matter, not knowing the facts in the case.

It would give me much pleasure to write upon other topics; but I must forbear at present

Mission House [illegible] Boston
July 13th 1849

Rev. [illegible]
[illegible] Mission

Dear Brother.

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Present my Christian salutations to Mrs C. & believe me yours
Sincere friend & fellow laborer in the gospel
S. B. Treat

Mission House, Boston
July 18th 1849

Rev. R. Hopkins
Sioux Mission

Dear Brother.

Your letter of May [illegible] was duly laid before the Prud. Comm. [illegible] meeting. They have very cheerfully [illegible] to [illegible] your [illegible] in [illegible] the [illegible] their Christian [illegible]. [illegible] with all [illegible] of our [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] unto [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] able to obtain [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] this matter [illegible] we shall leave [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] this whole subject. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
July 15. 1849

Mr. A. G. Huggins
Sioux Mission.

Dear Sir.

Your letter of 1 May last I have duly received. The subject of your daughters' return to Traverse des Sioux I have not laid before the Pred. Com. as I am not aware that it is safe for their return. We have a rule which requires the assent of the mission to the return of adult children to any of the families composing the mission. I do not know the ages of your daughters, & hence cannot say whether they come within the rule or not.

It will be well, I think, for you to bring the subject before the mission at its next meeting; & if they advise the return of your daughters, I have no doubt the Pred. Com. will consent. I say this, not because there will be any question in this particular case, but because we like to adhere to good rules. Some children of missionaries would be nothing but a curse on heathen ground. Fortunately there are but few such; but we wish to keep them at a distance. Some of the missions feel the importance of the restriction.

Miss Hearse Boston

Should your daughter desire to go as helpers in the missionary work, I shall rejoice if of the mission [illegible] Hopefully [illegible] laborers among the Choctaws, you may depend on our cordial cooperation.

Kind regards to Mr. Hearse

Dear Madam
Very sincerely &
respectfully yours
S. B. Treat.

Your letter of May 30. reached the Miss. House during my absence, & a month of a visit to the St. [illegible]. Since my return, I have not been well; & even now there is [illegible] but I feel that I must write a few words to you. I have read your letter with care, & I am not sure that it is the Lord's will that you go to Dwight. If no arrangement shall have been made for your journey thither, on the receipt of this letter, I think you had better give yourself no uneasiness on the subject, but turn your steps eastward, according to your original choice. If this overtakes you at Dwight you will have already rec'd the letter I sent a few days ago, & which may [illegible] some one to that station in company with Mr Hotchkin.

I regret that I have not time to write at greater length; but you will of course excuse me.

Kind regards to all friends
Yours very sincerely
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
July 13. 1849

Miss S. G. Hall
Eagletown, Choctaw
Nation,

Dear Madam

Your letter of May 30. reached the Miss. House during my absence, occasioned by a visit to the N. Y. Indians. Since my return, I have not been well; & now the weather is "baking hot"; but I feel that I must write a few words to you. I have read your letter with care, & I am not sure that it is the Lord's will that you go to Dwight. If no arrangement shall have been made for your journey thither, by the receipt of this letter, I think you had better give yourself no uneasiness on the subject, but turn your steps eastward, according to your original choice. If this overtakes you at Dwight you will have already rec'd the letter I sent a few days ago. I shall try to send some one to that station in company with Mr Hotchkin.

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S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
July 17. 1849.

Rev. J. C. Strong
Edgington Rock
Island Co. Illinois

Dear Brother

Your letter of July 6 came to hand this morning. I am truly grateful to our Heavenly Father that He has conducted you in safety to your chosen field of labor; & I pray that you may be greatly blessed in all your plans & efforts.

My letters of May 23 & June 2 I presume you will have already received. My [illegible] have their early reply to yours of July 6 & to send you the certificate & recommendation which you desire. It would give me much pleasure to write more at length; but my health is not good & my labors are abundant.

Kind & affectionate regards to Mrs. S.

Very respectfully & paternally
Yours
S. B. Treat

Mr. B. [illegible] will [illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible] the rest [illegible]

P.S. It occurs to me to day, that you may possibly have expected a regular dismission from your connection with the Stockbridge Sta; your letter containing no request to this effect; hence I do not feel authorized to bring the matter before the Com. I suppose it will be proper for you to have a release from your relation to us, as soon as you shall engage in other labors. By a letter which I have lately received from Mr. Kingsbury, I learn that you left the Choctaw station May 24, & reached New Orleans the day after; before this time, I presume you have reached Norwich; hence I address you at that place.

Miss. House, Boston
July 17, 1849.

I hereby certify that Rev. John C. Strong has been a member of the Choctaw mission under the care of the A. B. C. F. M. for more than two years, during which period he has uniformly sustained a good character; & that he has now left the mission, in regular standing, at his own request. And I cheerfully recommend him to the Am. Home. Miss. Soc. or to any Church or congregation who may choose to secure his services as a preacher of the gospel, as a brother beloved, in whose integrity & faithfulness I take pleasure in expressing my confidence.

S. B. Treat
Sec. A. B. C. F. M.

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Miss. House, Boston
July 17, 1849.

Mr. Edwin Lathrop
Norwich, Ct.

Dear Sir.

By a letter which I have lately received from Mr. Hotchkin, I learn that you left the Choctaw Station May 22, & reached New Orleans the May 31. Before this time, I presume you have reached Norwich; & hence, I address you at that place.

Mr. H. says you are willing to return to the mission with Mr. Hotchkin, & assist at that station. Mrs. L. I understand, is also willing to go back. I am very glad to hear this; & the Com. will esteem it a privilege to provide for your return. Your expenses, therefore, in going out to the Choctaw Nation you may expect us to defray.

I shall be happy to hear from you on this subject; & any thing which I can do for you & Mrs. L. consistently, I shall be happy to do.

Please to present my Christian salutations to [illegible].

Very truly & respectfully,
S. B. Treat.

Miss. House, Boston
July 17. 1849

Rev. Wm. Hall.
Randolph, N. Y.

Dear Brother

Your letter of July 8 came to hand this morning. The contents I have laid before the Com. this afternoon. And I will at once inform you of the conclusion to which they have come.

1. The Com. are willing to support another missionary on your Reservation. And they have authorized me to write to Mr. Potter, as I proposed at Cattaraugus. Still, if he does not change his location, they are ready to sustain another man.

2. The boarding school question we have also considered. It comes before us in a shape a little different from what I anticipated. I had hoped that we should know what the State of New York would do, before we were called upon to act. As a general rule, it is better to ascertain what a cooperating party will do, before any step is taken; & if this preliminary is omitted, the burden is often greater than it would otherwise be.

I have nevertheless called the attention of the

Com. to this subject; & they think favorably of introducing the boarding school system to a limited extent, provided the State of New York will render material aid. They have not said that they will do nothing, in case the State of New York will do nothing; that question is reserved.

I think, therefore, that you had better ascertain what New York will assume in the carrying out of your plan, & report to us at as early a day as you can. Of course, the more they will do the better. If material aid is rendered, you may consider the cooperation of this Com. as certain.

3. In reference to the case of James Pierce, I will say that I am glad he is so favorable to the plan which we discussed. If he gives up his time, in whole or in part, for our benefit, we ought to grant assistance in "carnal things." Our experience in this matter, however, inclines us to be cautious. As a general thing, natives are rather apt to want too much; & we are obliged to guard against this tendency, both for our sakes, & for the good of those who are thus employed. I say this, that you may keep your eyes open to the subject. If James Pierce is to become such a blessing to his people, as he may, he ought to have & to cherish a simple, unselfish, Christ-like spirit.

Having said this much, I will add, that the Com. authorize [illegible] your mission to allow

James Pierce $200 a year, if they shall think so much should be granted him. If they will authorize, of course we should be grateful.

My letter of last week, in regard to your Sister & Miss Mudgett, you will have already received.

Please to remember me to Mr. Hall, & your fellow laborers.

Very fraternally

Yours

S. B. Treat.

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Miss. House, Boston
July 24. 1849.

David Breed Jun.
New Haven Ct.

Dear Sir

Your letter of July 19 I did not receive till this morning. I had been informed of your leaving the Choctaw nation by letters received from the brethren; & I was in part prepared for the step which you have taken by your last letter. Your return in the circum=stances has my entire approbation; & I sincerely hope that the object you have in view may be secured, & that Mrs. B's health may be fully restored. Please to tender to her my sympathy in her trial.

Herewith I send Mr. Hill's check for that $100, the sum which you have expended from your private funds on your return. The New Haven banks will readily cash it.

As you will not expect to go back to the Choctaw mission again, I presume it will be proper for you & Mrs B. to ask for a release from your connection with the Board at an early day. I shall be happy to hear from you at your convenience. Kind regards to Mrs B.

Sincerely Yrs, S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
July 24. 1849.

Mrs. Eben.r Hotchkin
Lenox, Mass.

Dear Madam,

I have not heard of your arrival at Lenox [illegible], I presume you must be near that place by this time. Your son, I presume will drive you thither, as soon as you can make it convenient to visit him. I hope that your health will be greatly improved by your journey to the north. May the great Shepherd there [illegible] bless you & give you a safe return to your interesting field of labor.

I received a letter from Mr H. a few days since, in which he expresses a strong desire that Mr. & Mrs. Lathrop may return with you. I am happy that I can concur in this wish; & I will do all in my power to favor so desirable an event. I have written to Mr. Lathrop at Norwich, expressing my hope that he will gratify Good [illegible], & offering to pay his expenses. I have not heard from him in reply; but presume he will be prepared to accompany you.

I happen not [illegible] engaged as yet to go to Stockbridge, (the native place of Miss Keyes, a friend of Miss Hough [illegible] New Britain, Ct.) Miss Elizabeth Carson I presume would be willing to accompany you; but I have some doubt as to her health. She does not bear the heat of our New England summers well. What would she do among the Choctaws? A daughter of Rev. A. Gleason would be glad to go, but her health is not very strong.

I have just received a letter from Mr Gleason, in which he speaks of a Miss Davenport, sister of Mrs. Wrightman, who is the wife of the minister at ~~West Boylston~~, ~~Mass~~ Wardsboro, Vt. who seems willing to join the Choctaw mission, if needed. This case can be prosecuted farther, if desirable.

Perhaps, however, you will find some one in your journeyings who will be suitable for the station proposed. I should prefer to have you make the selection as you know just what is wanted; & you can make all needful inquiries, & answer a great variety of questions, & so prevent disappointments.

I want very much to procure a proper person to take charge of the girls out of school at Dwight. She should be possessed of rather uncommon qualifications, if we can find such an one. Can you aid me in this matter? Perhaps Miss Davenport may answer. But if you can find just the right assistant for Dwight, I shall be greatly obliged to you.

Mr & Mrs. Bond have reached New Haven in safety. I think they will not return. Shall we not see you at Pittsfield, at the meeting of the Board, (Oswego having been given up.) It would give me pleasure to receive a visit at our house.

after the meeting at Pittsfield. [illegible] that time we shall be out of the city.

Present my kind regards to Mr John Hotchkin, whom I remember with affectionate interest.

Very truly yours
S. B. Treat.

Sent also to the } Ojibwa miss.
Choctaw "
Cherokee "
N. Y. Ind.

July 24. 184[illegible]

Rev. S. Hall
La Pointe, Lake
Superior.

Dear Brother,

Your note of May 22, & your letter of June 1st came duly to hand. I regret the situation in which your school is placed by the deferred return of Mr Ely. It is to be hoped that he has a good reason for the delay; for on the face of it, his conduct looks not altogether in keeping for a missionary.

Since the receipt of your last letter I have instituted a correspondence in two directions in the hope of procuring a teacher for you. What success I shall have, in case Mr Ely concludes not to remain, I know not. I will try to send some one this fall; & I hope I shall be able to do so.

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The communications sent herewith will explain themselves. I need not commend them to you & Br. Wheeler; for I am sure you will appreciate my motives, & second my suggestions. Christian regards to Mrs H. & all your fellow laborers.

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Missionary House, Boston
July 29 1849.

To the Sioux Mission.

Dear Brethren;

Soon, with a favoring Providence, you will hold your annual meeting, at the time, & in the spirit, I doubt not, of our larger Convocation at Pittsfield. My thoughts this morning run forward to that interesting season, & I seem to myself to be in the midst of that great assembly. The great day of the feast has come, & we are sitting together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus, commemorating his dying love. I remember that our missionary brethren in places on which the sun never sets, have assembled; & that some of them are probably engaged at this moment in similar services. I think of the missionaries to whom I hold (so unworthily) a most interesting & important relation; & I say to myself, could I be with them for a few moments, how gladly would I address a word of exhortation to them; & how gladly would I speak to them of the noble work which they have been called to perform in the Master's name & behalf.

But, brethren, tho' I hope to be with you in spirit, I must needs be absent in the flesh; & hence I now sit down, in anticipation of the occasion to which I have referred, to send you a brief message, which may peradventure stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance. I neither expect nor wish to say anything new. Could I hold up one gospel truth to your minds so that you should apprehend it with greater distinctness & vividness than heretofore, I shall be most happy. God grant that what is now attempted, uttered in weakness, may not be altogether in vain!

My mind has been much interested

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July [illegible]

To the [illegible]

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[illegible]

[illegible] Christ [illegible]

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[illegible] fear that what is now attended in weakness, may not [illegible] in vain!

My mind has been much interested within the last few days in the perusal of Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians. It has been called, as you know, the noblest composition of all the [illegible]; but not going into the question, which would be little edifying, which of a [illegible] of [illegible] & [illegible] presented, when [illegible], at once meets the eye, seems more beautiful than anything you have ever looked upon before, let me ask you to bring your minds, far as may be, into sympathy with the Apostle in the 1st & 2nd chapters. Oh, what a view had he of the love of God in Christ Jesus, & of that wonderful plan for the salvation of lost men, [illegible] the highest created intelligences seek in vain to fathom! Yes! that we, who were chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world, & predestinated unto the adoption of children [illegible] should ever be called upon thy mighty name! And [illegible] your hearts begin to burn within you, as you are borne along by the swelling thoughts & the high argument of the Apostle, pass on to the 8th verse of the 3rd chapter, & ponder on the nature & dignity of your calling & work as missionaries.

Brethren, let us pause a moment, & analyze the emotion of Paul. Why is it that the thought of his great grace fills him with such strong emotions? Consider 1. the objects of his labours. These were Gentiles, as distinguished from the seed of Abraham. For these was he made & called to be the Apostle [illegible] of the [illegible]. And what was their condition? [illegible] the answer in the Rom. III. All are under sin. And not only so. In Rom. I. he tells us that having become vain in their imaginations, professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, & changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made image made like to corruptible man, &c. Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, &c., & they changed the truth of God into a lie, & worshipped & served the creature more than the Creator. I need not fill out [illegible] the [illegible]. You know something of its dark outlines, of sinking sin. Oh! what a wonder of mercy, that the infinite Jehovah should provide salvation for such guilty, polluted beings! What an illustration this is afford of the strength & tenderness of that everlasting love [illegible] all that we are, all that we hope to be when we shall see the King in his beauty & glory!

2. What was the especial task? He was to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ. As he looked out upon a world lying in wickedness, & saw the multitudes who were dead in trespasses & sins he felt that the very thing which they most needed, was intrusted to his hands. The treasure was indeed committed to an earthen vessel, still it had pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that should believe. (a) Paul knew that the gospel, & nothing else, could deliver from the wrath to come. He had pondered well the meaning of [illegible] which of old had been denounced against all ungodliness, & knowing the terror of the Lord, he would persuade men (b) Paul knew that the gospel, & nothing else, could cleanse the [illegible] of the soul. He had tried the righteousness that is by works, & found it utterly insufficient. The fountain must be changed, or the waters could never become pure & healthful. (c) Paul knew that the gospel, & nothing else, could confer the [illegible] & blessedness of being sons & daughters of the Lord God Almighty. No matter how degraded & polluted, no matter how ignorant & wayward, they may nevertheless take such rank that the angels even [illegible] the [illegible] of heaven

[illegible] the favours bestowed upon the children of men; "heirs of God, joint heirs with Christ." [illegible] of the favour of God [illegible]! "Being justified by faith we have peace with God, through our Lord Jesus Christ; by whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, & rejoice in hope of the glory of God." "He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?"

Truly [illegible] the Saviour wonderfully amazing [illegible] where [illegible] the plan had been formed [illegible] circumstances [illegible] his thoughts were burdened beyond the [illegible] of all [illegible]. It was in the councils of eternity, before the heavens were made, before the angels [illegible], when God was [illegible] the sole inhabitant of immensity, that he purposed the [illegible] of our race, and it was then [illegible] the well beloved of the Father, knowing the scene which [illegible] himself [illegible] our [illegible], our [illegible], our Jesus! He knew all the fearful havoc which sin would introduce. He knew all the depths of pollution to which we should plunge. Yet he swerved not from his high [illegible] condescension [illegible] that of a God! [illegible] he came in the flesh; & tho' "in the form of God" "he made himself of no reputation, & took upon him the form of a servant," & "being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, & became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." "Ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich." [illegible] to make all things [illegible] so that [illegible] first [illegible] number of may be seen with Paul! "The depth of the riches both of the wisdom & knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his ways & his judgments past finding out &c!"

Lastly 3. Who is this that is permitted to speak the unsearchable riches of Christ? One who accounts himself less than the least of all saints. In the eyes of his fellowmen, Paul felt that he had just cause for boasting; but in the sight of God, he was the chief of sinners. He seemed to himself as "one born out of due time," the least of the apostles, "not meet to be called an apostle." Still he was, "by the grace of God I am what I am," & to such a man was this grace given that he should proclaim Jesus Christ as [illegible] to the Gentiles.

You will perceive, dear brethren, that I can do nothing more than touch at the topics suggested by the language of the apostle. But I pray you to carry out the train of thought to a fuller development, persuaded (as I am) that you will find in it the elements of an overwhelming argument for the greatest earnestness in your work of which man is capable. And let me ask you to make your meditations as practical as might be. Endeavour to gain a more vivid & impressive view of the people (still out of Christ) among whom you are laboring. Put your souls in their souls' stead. Invest yourselves with all their ignorance, & wretchedness, & guilt & corruption; & then travel forward as they are travelling onward to a miserable eternity. Consider what it is to bear the displeasure of the Almighty, to endure the wrath of the Lamb; what it is to dwell with the everlasting burnings. Who, O God, knoweth the power of thine anger!

2. Next turn to the glorious provision for the rescue of these lost beings. Contemplate its beautiful harmony, study its fitness, its marvellous adaptations. See how it takes

man from the lowest depths to which by any possibility he co-, & secured him a place among the shining and [illegible]. And then think how all this has been effected. What an exhibition of wisdom! what outgoings of love! what fixedness of purpose, unmoved by all that man could do to provoke the withdrawal of the proffered boon! Look at the Sufferer of Calvary, ordained from eternity for his mighty work, having his thoughts upon it from the beginning, & yet never faltering in his course, till he could say "It is finished". And reflect, dear brethren, that his eye from the first has been upon you, & upon me, distinctly & individually, for our sakes he has endured all, & accomplished all.

3. And finally, dwell upon your unworthiness to bear the high commission which the Saviour has given you. Remember you are ambassadors of God. In his name you ~~like a herald~~ proclaim pardon & life eternal to the ruined & the lost. You offer deliverance from all the woes of hell, & admission to all the joys of heaven. Suppose you could go down the western rivers & proclaim to all a certain cure for that scourge, that is now scattering dismay on every hand. What a privilege would you regard it to be employed on such a mission! but what would this be to the carrying of the Gospel! And who are we that we are permitted to speak in the name of the infinite One! If Paul could call himself the chief of sinners, & style himself less than the least of all saints, shall we not cover our faces & sit down in sackcloth wondering at the honor conferred upon us?

Brethren in Christ, permit me to be earnest & urgent upon this last point. For I verily believe that much more depend upon it, than most ministers, yea than most missionaries imagine. An eminent preacher of the gospel was once asked what was the best evidence of piety, & his reply was "Self loathing". The same answer may be transferred to the qualifications for the sacred office. Other things being equal he will do the work of his Savior best, who has the most humbling views of himself. Isaiah VI. is significant & instructive. The sense of vileness expressed in v. 5. prepared the prophet for the call & commission which followed.

And it is only by gaining just views of ourselves that we are prepared to understand & appreciate the mysteries of redeeming grace. Having that self abhorrence which Job speaks of near the close of his remarkable history we cannot fail to adore the riches of wisdom & compassion which are exhibited in the plan of salvation by Christ Jesus. With this feeling of sinfulness, we shall have no difficulty in entering into the strong & fervid descriptions of Paul, & that which is a hidden thing to the great mass of men, not to say of Christians, will be to us clear & refreshing as a fountain in a weary land.

Brethren, I have written thus freely that I may help you to magnify your office. God has called you to the highest trust that man can receive. The work of a pastor in a christian land is second to it, & only second to it, in dignity & rank. You are treading more nearly in the steps of the apostles, yes of the Savior himself, than your fellow servants at home can. Aim therefore habitually & earnestly to obtain the spirit of those holy men, & especially of the great Missionary himself. Give him no rest till he breathe upon you the Holy Ghost, as he did upon the disciples of old. To the —

unordained members of your Mission, were I to have addressed a word of exhortation. But the subject which I have so briefly discussed has an interest for all. 1. Those of your number who have not entered the sacred office, may aid materially & constantly, the brethren who have received the highest commission, by their daily supplications for blessings upon their labors.

July 25, 1849.

Cherokee
[illegible]
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2. Important assistance can be given to the ordained servants of Christ, by lightening their secular burdens, & leaving them as much at liberty as possible to give themselves to the ministry of the word.

3. Too many are all may make known the gospel to those who have not felt its power. To do this most efficiently, however, they must have exalted views of the message which they deliver, & they must endeavor to enter into the sympathies & feelings of the great apostle of the Gentiles.

4. And (more important than either of the 2 or 3 suggested) all the members of the Mission may aid in giving increased effect to the preaching department, by striving to elevate & improve the piety of each other. The success of the ordained brethren depends very much upon the general spirit of the whole company of the faithful who are engaged in the common work.

Trusting that you will receive the hints which I have thrown out in this communication, with the kindness which I would bespeak now, & at all times, & praying that the great Shepherd may be with you & bless you richly, I subscribe myself yours, in the fellowship of the gospel,

S. B. Treat.

Miss. House, Boston,
July 25, 1849.

To the Choctaw Mission } Cherokee
Ojibwa
Sioux
N. York Ind.

Dear Brethren,

I sent you last year a letter, under date of July 29, containing some suggestions in regard to your annual estimates; & in connection therewith you received a printed letter embracing a variety of topics & expressing the views entertained at the Miss. House in relation to a number of practical questions.

Permit me to call your attention to the points presented in these communications, so far as they shall be applicable to your circumstances at the present time. The estimates to be made out, you will understand, are for 1850, from Jan. 1 to Jan. 1. The financial condition, you are aware, has materially improved within the last 12 months; & yet with all this we shall have a debt on the 1st of August of $30,000. Hence you will see the necessity of economy. How strict the Board will be next Oct. when they make the appropriations, I cannot now say; & this will depend on what occurs in the mean time.

There are some suggestions at the close of my letter of July 26 1848, which I hope will be considered as worthy of consideration at your annual meeting, particularly what is said in regard to giving greater efficiency to the preaching of the gospel. I feel that I can hardly be too earnest on this point, or you too watchful. May the Lord give you wisdom [illegible] as you daily need!

Affectionately & truly
yours in the common
salvation
S. B. Treat.

Miss. House, Boston
July 24. 1849.

Rev. Gilbert Rockwood,
Pekin, N. Y.

Dear Brother,

You will have learned before this that I have made a visit to the N. Y. Indian missions; & yet I have not been at your station. When I left home I expected to spend a Sabbath with you & your family; but I found that I must needs remain at Cattaraugus longer than I intended; & when I had finished there, I had neither time nor strength to do any thing more. The truth is, my health was seriously affected by the visit to the two stations; & it was well that I came home when I did. At first I was hardly fit for business; but I am getting better, as I hope.

I had hoped to see how matters look at Tuscarora, & to confer respecting the interests of the station. And, when I returned, I thought of visiting you on the Sabbath prior to the meeting of the Board at Oswego. But the Com. in consequence of representations from the people at Oswego, have decided to hold the next meeting at Pittsfield; so that this plan must fail.

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Mis. House, Boston
July 26. 1849

The case of Mr. [illegible] would have been laid [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. I waited a number of weeks, having the expectation that I should [illegible] communications from other members of the mission; but none came. After [illegible] I held a conference with Messrs. [illegible], [illegible], & Hall, & brought up this subject. They said that that was not a way [illegible] [illegible] to propose to Mr. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] Mr. [illegible] proposed to [illegible] [illegible] on this point; & the [illegible] thought that the matter had better be deferred till [illegible] [illegible], the opportunity [illegible] is the only question to be considered. [illegible] [illegible], after [illegible], [illegible] that there is not ground for [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the appointment [illegible] [illegible] will [illegible] [illegible] appointment [illegible] there is any doubt [illegible] health.

Please to inform Mr. [illegible] of what I have done, and to explain my long silence. Your letter [illegible] [illegible] much [illegible] [illegible] the spirit [illegible] exhibited.

I suppose that your brethren will hold a meeting in Sept. I hope that you will discuss among other topics, the expediency of inducing your people to do something for their institutions, [illegible] [illegible] some plan [illegible] seemed practicable, to [illegible]

Kind regards to [illegible] [illegible] Mr. [illegible] [illegible]

Respectfully,
truly yours, S. B. Treat.

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Miss. House, Boston
July 26. 1849

Rev. C. Byington,
Stockbridge.

Dear Brother

The contents of your letter of June 5 have been duly kept in mind. I directed a letter to Rev. Mr. Sherman, the pastor of Miss Capron, making inquiries respecting her. The answer was favorable in all respects save one, that is, health. She does not bear warm weather in Kentucky without drooping. What then would she do in your part of the world? The question in regard to her is therefore [illegible] suspended. The daughter of Mr. Gleason would be glad to go; but she is not rugged. Perhaps we may want her. At any rate, I think the Mission will have some one to accompany her [illegible] this season. I shall try hard for it.

Our annual meeting is to be at Pittsfield, Mass., not Oswego, for reasons which you will see in due time. In anticipation of your [illegible] in that meeting, I send an epistle, which is not what I could wish it to be; but such as it is, you have it, with ardent wishes for the breathings of the Master upon you. Brother [illegible] has often [illegible]

New Haven, Conn.

by my unfitness for the station [illegible] applied [illegible]
is not adapted to my poor capacity, when I am in
my best health. That what little talent I have, has
been hampered and manacled by ill health, for
some time past. Besides I feel that a man in any
such a place, should have a different order
of piety. How important too, considering the
[illegible] to be [illegible] that the [illegible]
with whom he is [illegible] connected, of this interesting
station!

What is before me, I know not. Your letter
in May last, kindly permitted me to visit
the mission to the [illegible] in June; & I
went, [illegible] it offered [illegible]. This
visiting [illegible] I found a hard trial for the
flesh, or at least pretty [illegible]. I have [illegible]
[illegible] still, I think,
a release from my [illegible] permanently,
only the [illegible] to make it temporary.
This, however, is not [illegible].

Remember me affectionately to all [illegible]
& [illegible] & the [illegible] all
your [illegible].

Yours, in the [illegible]
of the [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] Treat.

Miss. Rooms, Boston

[illegible] will be a great help July [illegible] 1849 [illegible] the annual report, [illegible] awakening a new interest in your labors. Rev. E. Butler [illegible]

Cherokee Mission, relating to the mission, I [illegible] to you. I pray that your annual meeting may be a profitable occasion [illegible]. The annual meeting of the Board is to be at Pittsfield, Mass.

I thank you for your letter of July [illegible], received this morning. It gives me the report upon the [illegible] church; but where is the report upon the [illegible] station? I have no information in regard to the school; nor any [illegible] respecting the [illegible] of the missionary work at your place. I [illegible] know that you can justly plead many [illegible] abundant labors; but I am embarrassed in making out the annual report by the paucity of materials; and the public are not as much interested in the Cherokee mission as they would otherwise be. If we wish Christians to take an interest in our missions, we must give them information as to the state of the missions.

I say this as a gentle hint for something more for the future. And here let me suggest the expediency of having a report from the mission as such, (or a general letter of the missionaries) exhibiting its state, prospects, &c. It is especially in the first document of the [illegible] the results thus far. Of course you will include all the proper statistics. Let them reach me in July, and it will be a great help in making out the annual report, besides awakening a new interest in your labors. "A word to the wise," &c.

"For communicating to the members," I also to you. I pray that your annual meeting may be a profitable one to you all. The annual meeting of the Board is to be at Pittsfield, Mass.

Kind regards to Mrs. D. whom I recall in affectionate remembrance, also to Miss Smith, & to the little daughter, & all other inquiring friends.

Very truly & fraternally
yours
S. B. Treat.

Miss. Rooms, Boston
July 30. [illegible]
Miss [illegible]
To Mr. [illegible]
Miss [illegible] C. [illegible]
[illegible]
Dear Friends & Fellow laborers,

The circular letter you will receive herewith having been [illegible] to the present time, I have concluded to add a word in [illegible] regard to one of special importance, viz. the preparation of a missionary letter or letters, setting forth the actual state of affairs in your field, with a view to [illegible], that the sympathies & prayers of Christians may be enlisted [illegible]. If I were to make any suggestion, it is that they should be done, & each come [illegible] prepared at your next meeting to report during the sitting, & then to [illegible] take such afterward to be submitted to the [illegible] for [illegible] at their [illegible]. The subject [illegible] should be drawn up with care. It will [illegible], & should be worth a week's labor.

As to the subjects to be presented, I will say a word by way of hint. It may be well to glance back at the past history of the mission, & state its success in its first years, the hopes inspired thereby, the [illegible] the present position of the mission, [illegible] the obstacles & difficulties in your way. Endeavor to bring the whole case, as far as prudence will allow, before the Christian public, that they may see just how you are situated, & what are the prospects of the Sioux. State their number, & location, & perhaps the prospect of new treaties, & removals. I say, perhaps, because you may not think it wise to throw out this matter before the public, as it may have an influence in hastening a removal.

When you have told the whole story, say that you are not discouraged, if the fact is so, as I suppose it is; but that you feel that Christians should know your trials & prospects, & should go with you to Him who alone can help. Say that you are willing to live & labor for such a people & in such circumstances, if you can have the sympathy & support of those who are heirs of the common salvation.

This is a mere hasty sketch, which you can pay just so much regard to as you please. Still I think that something of the kind is very desirable. Pray you let it come, a plain, strong, manly document, & I will see it in the hands of the public [illegible].

Fraternally & affectionately
yours
S. B. Treat.

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Mis. House Boston
July 31. 1849

Miss Cretina C. Law
New London Ct

Dear Madam

In answer to your favor of July 30, I beg leave to reply, that Mr. Potter is now at Traverse des Sioux, one of the stations of the Sioux mission. His post office address is Fort Snelling Minesota Territory. He will remain where he is during the coming winter; after that I presume he will have a new station in the same mission. I have no reason to suppose that he will leave his employment. His field is not particularly promising; but he is not a man to faint in his work. Were he to leave the Sioux country, I should offer him a station among the New York Indians. I regard him as a laborious & faithful missionary.

Very respectfully
& truly
yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
July 31. 1849.

Rev. Thos. S. Williamson, M.D.
Kaposia, Min. Ter.

Dear Brother

As you are nearest to the meeting at the present time, I direct my letters for your mission to yourself, with the request that you will see them duly laid before the brethren in Sept. I have this morning received a letter from Rev. S. W. Pond, who says that you have a comee who were to prepare a letter, the design of which may fall in with the idea expressed in my letter of yesterday to the mission. Perhaps this fact has appeared in some of the communications; but it had escaped my recollection; hence I wrote as I did. I hope you will make this explanation to the brethren.

Your letter of May 7 did not reach the Miss. House till June 28; & then I was away on a visit to the N.Y. Indian mission. In the Augt Herald, you will see some notice of this letter; & the part on the "eating of raw flesh" I shall insert in the Sept Herald. Some of the brethren seem to think that what is published in the Herald among the Recent Intelligence does not "tell" upon the churches, as do longer communications. This is a mistake. The notices at the end are read with vastly greater interest, & by many more persons, than any thing else in the publication.

The truth, as I have said before, our missionaries to the Indians do not make writing for the public a definite object, to any considerable extent. The Herald contains more from your mission than any other; & the great reason why you do not write more, aside from the general habit, is that you have not much that is interesting to communicate. But I think a letter, such as I have indicated in mine of yesterday, will do good; & I have some recent letters that I hope to make some use of. So far as I am concerned personally, I am more anxious to give the Sioux mission prominence than any other; & if I do not give it this prominence, the brethren must suppose that there are general reasons, which they do not understand, that influence me. The principles on which the Herald is conducted cannot be fully appreciated by all the missionaries; & I have a feeling very often, that I shall be obliged to throw myself upon their charity & forbearance, hoping that they will believe there are reasons which affect my judgment, unknown to them.

Kind regards to Mrs. W. your sister, & all others

Yours,
In the fellowship of
the gospel,

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
Aug. 2. 1849.

Rev. A. Bliss
N. Y. Ind. Mission

Dear Brother

Your letter containing the minutes of the mission meeting, held while I was with you, was duly received. I have rather expected to hear from you or Bro. Wright, or both, as to the state of things among the Senecas, after I left on my return. I hope I shall be kept duly apprised of whatever occurs of interest among them.

As the meeting of the Board is not to be held this year at Oswego, I presume you will have your annual meeting in the 2d week of Sept, simultaneously with our convocation at Pittsfield. In this presumption, I send herewith two communications, such as I have addressed to the other Indian missions. I have no doubt you will give them proper attention.

My visit to your mission was an injury to me in the matter of health. I am somewhat better, however, than when I first returned. If my journey shall have done no good among the Senecas, it will have been a losing operation all around. Kind regards to Mrs B. & the children, Miss Home & all your associates. Affectionately yours S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
Augt 12 1849.

Rev. John F. Aiton
Sioux Mission.

Dear Brother

Your favor of June 21 duly came to hand, as you may have already inferred, if you have seen the Augt Herald. A portion of your letter you will find there. Thanks for so much that I might use in this way. Let me have more that I can spread before our large circle of friends.

I think, on the whole, that Red Wing had better be the name for your station; & shall so publish it in the Herald, annual report, &c., in accordance with your views. I am not fully informed as to the degree of similarity there is between the Sioux at your place [illegible] ones. In their general characteristics, I suppose they are the same. But are they as hard to reach, as much opposed to the gospel, &c., as those among whom the other brethren are laboring. I suppose there is some difference here. Let me know whether I am right or not, & why the differences, if there be any.

I have addressed some letters to the mission which you will of course see in due time —

Miss. Rooms, Boston

For this reason, if for no other, I trust you will hold me excused, tho' I write a very brief reply to your last. The truth is, I have but little time for my correspondence; as, when I have discharged my duty (imperfectly) to the Herald & Dayspring, I find I have gone to about the extent of my strength. A few weeks ago I visited the mission to the New York Indians; & it was a very fatiguing business. I have not recovered fully from the journey at this distance of time. The future I regard as somewhat uncertain; but the Lord doeth all things well.

This very day I have been talking with a lady, Miss Lathrop, late of the Choctaw mission, who has concluded to join your mission. She will probably go to Mr S. W. Pond's; & she is a valuable woman in the [illegible] departments of a mission. She will leave after the meeting of the Board, & consequently reach the mission early in Oct.

But I am [illegible] reference to other matters, I must ask you to look at my letters to the mission. Remember me kindly to Mrs A. And believe me

very respectfully
& affectionately
yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. House. Boston
August 2 1849.

Mr. J. W. Hancock
Sioux Mission.

Dear Brother.

Your letter of June 29, informing me of your safe arrival at Red Wing, was duly received. It was uncertain, till it came to hand, whether Mrs. H. accompanied you or not; that is, I had not heard from either of you in relation to the matter, I was rather presuming that she had gone to your common destination. By this time I hope you are fairly & comfortably settled in your new home.

Your account of expenditures I have looked at; & it is satisfactory. My expectations from your school are not very sanguine. I hope that you will have all the success which you desire; but I am prepared to hear that the result does not fully equal your anticipations. But the Master, happily, judges us, not by results but by intentions. If we really seek to do his will, we are accepted, however unpromising the field, & however scanty the fruit. This should be the sustaining truth for all missionaries.

Still, it will give me great pleasure to hear that you are blessed in your labors, as much even as heart can wish. But better than every thing else is it, & labor in the fear & with the favor of Him who has the issues of life. May his peace be in your heart at all times; & may all the experience of your new situation only increase your piety & devotedness to the one great Cause!

I trust you will keep me informed of what transpires around you of missionary interest; & let me know how your school prospers. Your study of Dakota I most cordially approve. And it will give me much joy to hear that you have become well skilled in the use of that tongue.

Affectionate remembrances to Mrs. H.

Very truly & sincerely

yours,

S. B. Treat.

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D. J.

Miss. House, Boston
Augt 7, 1849.

Mr. Charles Pulsifer
Thetford Vt

Dear Sir

Your letter of Augt 1. I received yesterday. This afternoon I have laid the matter of your appointment before the Prud. Com. with the letters of Rev. Mr. Jewett & Mr Orcutt. They have cordially appointed you & Mrs. P. assistant missionaries, & designated you to the Ojibwa mission. It gives me great pleasure to make this announcement; & I pray the Great & Good Shepherd to keep you & make you a rich blessing to the poor Indians!

The P. O. address is "La Pointe, Lake Superior." If you have occasion to draw upon the Board in the preparation of your outfit, you can write to Henry Hill, Esq. Miss. House, 33 Pemb. Square, & he will furnish what you need.

I am now in the Com. room, & therefore write in haste. Kind regards to Mrs. P.

Affectionately yours
S. B. Treat.

Miss. House, Boston
Augt 7. 1849.

Rev. C. Hotchkin
Choctaw Mission.

Dear Brother,

I told your good wife this morning, that if she would write you letter to-day, I would send a brief note with it. She has redeemed her promise, & I hasten to fulfill mine. Still, as I am much hurried, & am in poor health, you will be obliged to take up with a letter of items.

1. I have been made truly glad by the sight of your wife, & I hope that she will be restored to you in due time all that you can wish in health & vigor. My greatest regret is that my family are out of town just now, & I cannot invite her to my own house. I trust, however, she will be made comfortable, wherever she is.

2. You may be sure of my favoring the return of Mr C. Lathrop & wife. I have written to them, proposing to pay their expenses back, &c. He has replied to-day; but thinks they will not be able to return till next spring, as Mr H. will have informed you. I shall favor his going there, as at present advised.

3. In respect to your school of "a higher character", I am hardly prepared to give an opinion, with so little reflection as I have been able to give to the subject. Something of the

kind I think desirable, if the time has come for it. My greatest difficulty would be, the fear that it might complicate your operations & increase your burdens. But I think it is a proper subject for the action or at least deliberation of the mission.

4. I am glad to hear that the Lord has been so gracious to you & your field. May he do a hundred fold more!

5. I am sorry that we are so situated in regard to Mr Stark's case. But Mr Kingsbury will inform you how the case stands, as well as Mr Ho. perhaps. Should the mission, on their own responsibility, think it indispensable to have Mr Starks services, temporarily, or till help can be furnished by the Com. & should hire him to labor for them, I think the Com. will not this object to, but will pay whatever sum you agree to allow. It may be well, perhaps, to see how Mr Ramsey feels in regard to such a course. The grand difficulty arises, when we come to a formal appointment, springing from the Com. making him a permanent member of the mission.

Present my Christian regards to your fellow laborers, & believe me

as ever

Yours most

sincerely,

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Aug. 9. 1849.

To the Sioux Mission

Dear Brethren

Your letters of May 16 & May 17 I have not hitherto acknowledged; & I can say but a few words at the present time. Your kind expressions of sympathy, contained in the former communication, deserve & have my sincere thanks. My labors have indeed been arduous & trying for the last two years; & I am sorry to say that my health is poorer this summer than ever. But the Lord does all things well; & I feel no disposition to murmur or complain. My chief regret is that I can perform the duties of my office no better. But God can bless even the feeblest attempts to serve him; & perhaps he designs to humble my pride by taking away my strength, & thus making my very weakness the means of even greater good.

On the subject of a boarding school I shall be happy to hear from you as to the result of any further deliberations. I think you will find the Com. disposed to go as far as they can, in concurring with their general views, in cooperating with you. If you are of one mind decidedly in submitting any plan, we will at least give it a candid

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hearing [illegible] are all anxious to [illegible] what we can
[illegible] will agree to [illegible] in any [illegible]
necessary to be already expended for it.

Rev. [illegible]
Aug. 19. 1847

[illegible] Cyrus [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible]
[illegible]

Affectionately & fraternally
Yours
S. B. Treat

Rev. Sir

Yours of the 8 inst. is before me. I had learned from Mr. [illegible] that you would probably not return to the Choctaw country this fall; & [illegible] to leave, [illegible] of things remain there as they now are, we shall be very glad to have you go back in the spring, [illegible] your [illegible] of [illegible].

In regard to your [illegible] this fall, after conferring with [illegible] it is hardly [illegible] will be necessary for you to come back for [illegible] in the spring, [illegible] I suppose [illegible] you would [illegible] of [illegible] there, [illegible] suppose that she would find suitable company [illegible] when she should desire [illegible] your [illegible] to depend upon your coming for her.

On the whole, therefore, if [illegible] she cannot leave her parents [illegible], I think you had better conclude to remain [illegible] in the spring [illegible]

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Miss. House Boston
Aug. 9. 1849.

Mr. Calvin Lathrop
Norwich, Vt.

Dear Sir

Yours of the 3d inst. is before me. I had learned from Mr. Hotchkin that you would probably not return to the Choctaw country this fall: This I was sorry to hear; but if things remain there as they now are, we shall be very glad to have you go back in the spring, we paying your expenses, of course.

In regard of your return without Mrs. L. this fall, after conferring with Mr. H. it hardly seems to me expedient; as it would be necessary for you to come back for Mrs. L. in the spring, as I suppose she & you would wish. And of course there is no reason to suppose that she would find suitable company to the Choctaw nation, when she should desire to join you, unless she were to depend upon your coming for her.

On the whole, therefore, if Mrs. L. thinks she cannot leave her parents, with the prospects they do now, I think you had better conclude to remain till the spring. I shall be happy to hear from you at any time. Respectfully &c. [illegible]

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Miss. House Boston
Augt 10. 1849

Rev. G. H. Pond,
Sioux Mission

Dear Brother

Your letter of July 9 I was happy to receive, tho' it does not throw any light upon the dark cloud which has seemed to hang over your mission for some time. The way of the Lord among the Sioux is certainly somewhat mysterious. It would be very easy for him to change the whole aspect of your field in an exceedingly short time; but he has not done it, & he has some good reason for leaving you without the encouragement & comfort of success. Perhaps he designs to make the missionaries men of rare faith & consecration, & then grant them a blessing peculiarly rich & refreshing.

Whatever may be the designs of Providence, it is clearly your duty to labor patiently, prayerfully, & in hope. By so doing, God will be honored, whatever may be the issue of your efforts. His glory does not depend upon a certain measure of success, as we speak of success, but the calm, trustful, persevering, unswerving zeal of a band of brethren who have little or no fruit of their toils, may redound as much to his praise, thro' his blessing upon their example, as many converts from among savage tribes. He is wonderful in counsel & excellent in working.

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It is possible that some great change in your part of the missionary field is near at hand. The change may be protracted, but it may be sudden & [illegible]. [illegible] be ready [illegible] in [illegible] time. Let them [illegible] have [illegible] by [illegible].

The sum received from Lt. Col. [illegible] has been duly reported [illegible]. Your statement in regard to the computation of the tribes is [illegible] noted.

As I have written [illegible] your letter at considerable length, it will [illegible] the [illegible] of my reply. I shall always be happy to receive your letters, [illegible] in return as fully as I could wish.

Affectionate regards [illegible] the Lord [illegible]

[illegible]

Yours in the
Common Salvation

S. B. Treat

P. S. A brief reply to [illegible] letter I send to you as a specimen of [illegible] meeting.

Miss. House. Boston
August 10. 1849.

Rev. S. R. Riggs,
Sioux Mission.

Dear Brother.

Your letters of May 26 & June 5, & the P.S. of June 19 have been duly received. The reasons which you give for the action of the brethren in the matter of the arrangements for Trav. des Sioux are perfectly satisfactory, & are approved by the Com.ee and I have no doubt but they will make the appropriation which you may ask for the printing of the school books you may need. I presume we shall hear from you in reference to this matter after your annual meeting.

As events have shaped themselves among the Choctaws, your not addressing the mission on the subject of slavery will not probably make any difference. They have now placed themselves on the Cherokee track, & we hope to see where that will carry us at no distant day. The Choctaw brethren have become a little sore, & they need to be treated with some degree of tenderness. Perhaps they will yet take a position that will be generally satisfactory. This hiring of slaves is a hard matter to manage, with the boarding schools on our hands; but I think we shall get rid of them in that time. The number is considerably less than when I was here [illegible]. [illegible] tried hard to get some Germans to go with him to the [illegible], but they all failed when the time of departure came; but he was not aware of the fact till afterwards. I think the [illegible] was ready to [illegible] but is reasonable in [illegible] with the state of the [illegible].

On the other topics in your letter, I might say much, but have not time. I have read the account of your visit to [illegible] Lake with pleasure. It is to be regretted that you did not find the principal men at home; but their absence was permitted for some good reason. At your annual meeting I suppose you will make some arrangement for [illegible]. Should you find it difficult to locate him, I can find a place for him among the New York Indians. On this point, however, [illegible] to him directly.

You will carefully see my letter to the brethren [illegible], in preaching the gospel among the gentiles, [illegible] will receive special attention; not because of the value of any thing which I have said, but because of the intimate [illegible] importance of the subject. May I not hear that we have had a blessed meeting, and that the Lord has indeed been in the midst of you.

Affectionate regards to the brethren with you.

[illegible]

Very sincerely yours in
the gospel of Christ
S. B. Treat.

Miss. House, Boston
August 10, 1847

Rev. R. Hopkins,
Sioux Mission.

Dear Brother

Your letter of July 2 is before me. The account of your journey to Lac qui Parle is somewhat amusing, except as it is fitted to excite sympathy for those who are obliged thus to expose themselves, especially females. But if we endure hardness as good soldiers we know that we shall not lose our reward. Our Master is omniscient, & therefore knows all that we encounter for his sake; he is also merciful, & can therefore cause our cup to run over with blessings wherever we are. It is a blessed thing to be in the service of such a Captain. Let us comfort our hearts with this hope.

I sometimes find not a little consolation in the thought of that High Priest who is touched with a feeling of our infirmities. That I have not more consolation here, is to my condemnation & shame. How rich & abundant are the treasures of his grace! God has been shutting me up to these treasures for a long time. He has weakened my strength by the way, & still laid a heavy burden upon me, that I might feel that no arm could support me but his. I think I have ~~felt~~ realized that support. May I be able to do so more & more!

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My health this summer is [illegible] than [illegible], poorer than ever. I found nearly in the spring, but lost in all things I was which the Com. requested me to make to the [illegible] Indian mission. But feel only with me especially [illegible] I returned, I have not [illegible]. I hope I can [illegible] to [illegible] whatever be [illegible] upon me all my days.

I am sorry that you did not find the [illegible] at home when you went to [illegible]. [illegible] the Lord ordered it in his own [illegible] place. Perhaps it may be advisable to commence a station at that place. The subject of Mr [illegible] location, I presume, will come under consideration at your annual meeting. If you cannot find a place for him, I can in another field. The Lord will not deprive him of the privilege of working for his own blessed name.

As I have written at considerable length to your mission, you will please me for being rather brief at the present time. I have so much to do this summer. But I must [illegible] my letter.

Kind regards to [illegible] all you affectionately,

Very respectfully,
fraternally,
Yours
S. B. Treat.

Miss. House Boston
August 10, 1849

Rev. S. W. Pond,
Sioux Mission.

Dear Brother

Your favor dated July 12 was received in due time, & the contents read with interest. I am very glad that your mission are intending to prepare a full statement in regard to the condition & prospects of the Dakotas, & I hope we shall obtain a clearer view of what may be advisable in the future direction of missionary operations in this difficult field. You will perceive that I have written a short letter on this very topic to the mission, tho it may be that I had my mind turned more to the influence to be exerted upon the Christian public than you had. I want something to go out in the Herald, to draw the attention of the friends of missions to the miserable state of the Sioux & awaken sympathy with the brethren & sisters laboring for their spiritual good.

Permit me to add, that my brief letter on account of a communication for the public was written before yours of July 12 was received. The resolution of the mission, tho' reported to me by Mr Adams, & bearing upon the same subject, was forgotten at the time, else I may have expressed myself differently.

[illegible] in consequence of a suggestion of [illegible] I have recently had some negotiations with the [illegible] of the [illegible] in reference to [illegible] your [illegible] upon [illegible] the [illegible] of her mind, [illegible] in the late [illegible] with you, [illegible] [illegible] determined to [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] of the [illegible] to influence [illegible] mind [illegible]

Should the Board need [illegible] of [illegible] support of your station [illegible] the [illegible] to your [illegible] for [illegible] for you to [illegible] the [illegible].

I shall look with much interest to the results of your deliberations at your Sept. meeting. You will perceive that [illegible] I have no doubt, will [illegible] all the [illegible] for [illegible]

Remember my kind regards to all.

Fraternally yours,

[illegible]

Miss. House, Boston
August 10, 1849.

Rev. J. Potter,
Sioux Mission

Dear Brother

Your letters of June 2. & July 7. have been duly received & carefully perused. You will see a few extracts from the latter in the Miss. Herald. I have been intending, for a number of days, to write you at length on some of the topics discussed in your communications, but have not found time. And now I am so hurried that I must be rather brief.

1. I will speak of Mrs Lathrop's joining your mission. The first opportunity I had of seeing her, I proposed to her to go to the Sioux. Mrs Hotchkin came to the Miss. House with her, & had already had some conversation with her in reference to joining the Choctaw mission. At that time, however, there was a candidate (or two) for the only prospective vacancy (Miss Key's place) & Mrs L. decided to join your mission; with which result I was both satisfied & gratified. Subsequently, however, we found that we had no one in view for Stockbridge, & knew not where to look for a proper person. This state of things led to another conversation between Mrs H. & Mrs L. & the latter decided to join the Choctaw mission.

In the circumstances of the case, I did not feel warranted in exerting any influence on her mind, either way. I have no doubt she acted conscientiously. The controlling motives were twofold. Mrs Lake was better acquainted with the Choctaw mission & felt more interest in the people from her past residence among them. Besides the strong reason grew out of her peculiar attachment to Mr Fields' little boy. By going to Stockbridge, she hopes to have him with her, & she will hereafter be able to exert more or less influence over his education; in going to the [illegible], she would be severed from him entirely.

Your removal to Trav des Sioux, temporarily, appears to be a good arrangement. Your future location, I presume, will be determined at your annual meeting. Let me say, however, that should the mission feel at all embarrassed in this matter, I have another place which you can occupy. I want one more missionary among the N. Y. Indians, on the Allegany Reservation, in the south part of Cattaraugus Co. There is a very fair opening there, with good prospects of favorable results. I do not *propose* any change; but in consequence of what you have said here before, & the possible embarrassment of the mission, I have thrown out this suggestion, that you may have it before you in a hypothetical emergency. The Com. will agree to the change, if you & the Sioux mission go for it.

3. The subject of a boarding school may come before you at your annual meeting. What shape it may take, & what opinions will be entertained, I can't of course foresee. I will say, however, (as I have written already,) that the Com. will give a candid hearing to any proposal which you may make. They will do all that they can consistently for you, tho' they may not be very sanguine in regard to such an experiment. It is desirable, however, that you should consider the question well, & be of one mind in your conclusions. And should you determine upon any thing, let us have the pros & cons in full.

4. In reference to granting food, &c. to the Indians, I think you have the right of the matter. Mr. Livingston happened to be in my room when I was reading your letter; & I asked him for his views. Without knowing what you had written, he threw out as suggestions the same ideas which you embodied in your answer to the Dakotas. Our funds are not given for purposes of support, &c., but to convert, Christianize, elevate, & save. It is well to give relief in particular cases; but to aid a large company, is out of the question, in any ordinary case. And had we funds for such a purpose, I doubt the policy altogether. We find it very important, in all our missions, to exclude the hope of any temporal advantage, (in the way of support, &c, as if to arise from a professed attachment to Christianity. If they embrace our religion, they should do it, without expecting to be better clothed or fed by us, tho' they may [illegible] great advantages of a different sort.

The result to which my own mind has been brought, is this. Go on as you have begun, & leave the event with him who shapes all occurrences according to his own good pleasure.

I am sorry that I am obliged to answer your letter in so much haste, but I cannot help it. This is our busiest season, & my health is poorer than it has been heretofore. You speak of my visiting your mission. I should be very glad to do so, and especially [illegible] that my experience in this sort of work has been quite unfortunate in [illegible]. To the Choctaw mission [illegible] was a very serious injury. And my [illegible] I have been away [illegible], & I am suffering from it still. The Lord, however, will take care of the future, & we need not fear to have [illegible] [illegible] all your [illegible].

[illegible] of your [illegible] will probably accompany the Dakota language. But let that be your chief aim and end, after teaching all children, & [illegible] of the [illegible].

Yours fraternally
S. B. Treat.

In regard to the support of the Indian girl which you have proposed for our consideration, I will simply say that the better course seems to be, that you lay the matter before the mission, & let them decide how much should be appropriated for this particular object. This sum may come as a separate item, in addition to your regular estimates. The Com.

Miss. Rooms Boston

Rev. M. N. Adams

Sioux Mission [illegible]

Dear Brother

Your favor of July 7 is before me. My reply must be brief, because of the great amount of business which I now have on hand, taken in connection with the very moderate amount of strength which is vouchsafed to me. For these reasons I have no doubt you will accept a short letter at the present time. What I shall do hereafter, I know not. He who sees the end from the beginning, will order all things well.

Some parts of your letter you will probably see in the Herald. I hope you will persevere in acquiring the Dakota language. Let that be your chief aim & end, after keeping the heart with all diligence, & taking due care of the body.

In regard to the support of the Indian girl which you have proposed for our consideration, I will say, that the better course seems to be, that you lay the matter before the mission, & let them decide how much should be appropriated for this particular object. This sum may come as a separate item, in addition to your regular salary. The Com-

Mass. Marine, Boston
August 13, 1849

I [illegible], [illegible] have no hesitation in allowing [illegible]
[illegible] as you may judge.

[illegible]

Respectfully
[illegible]
[illegible]

J. H. T. Speat.

[illegible] it is not necessary [illegible] that [illegible] your journey, but the letter of [illegible] on the subject of slavery seems to make a frank & [illegible] communication of some thoughts which I have in relation to it, I should hardly feel that I was doing my duty were I [illegible] [illegible] must be [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible]

It is very gratifying [illegible] the [illegible] of slavery of [illegible] by a Christian [illegible] [illegible]. You had told me [illegible] previous letter. [illegible] we could have [illegible] on the subject of [illegible], any appeal to [illegible] believe you [illegible] further discussion, [illegible] [illegible] on our own account as well as yours [illegible] [illegible] leave you to the great [illegible] work you have [illegible] perplexing questions [illegible] "disputations"

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Miss. House, Boston
August 13. 1849

Rev. E. Butler, M.D.
Cherokee Mission

Dear Brother,

It is with sincere regret that I sit down to write you this morning; but the letter of your Station on the subject of slavery seems to call for a frank & fraternal communication of some thoughts which I have in relation to it; & I should hardly feel that I was doing my duty, were I to remain silent. My remarks will first be directed to the [illegible] which forms a part of the letter. And this seems to me, I am constrained to say, exceedingly censurable in your people.

It is very evident that the intimation which closes your remarks in regard to a continued correspondence was not needed. You had told us the same things, in language as emphatic, in your previous letter. And without any intimation, we could have no doubt on the subject. If it is an appeal to the Com. to relieve you from further discussion, it was not needed. We have every wish, on our own account as well as yours, to see the end of this unpleasant business. Happy, [illegible] of our cause in this trial, we would gladly leave you to the great & good work you have undertaken undistracted by perplexing questions or "doubtful disputations."

And let me say to you, dear brother, that I have had my eye distinctly upon you in this matter. I know what your burdens are, & how little strength you have to bear them. And I also know how such a subject must trouble & annoy you. But let me say, that if you are anxious to avoid all further correspondence, I more. I have a degree of responsibility & an amount of labor in the premises, which you cannot have. I too have poor health, poorer this summer than ever; & at times, the grasshopper is a burden. But the hand of the Providence of God has driven us out to sea, in a common tempest tossed bark, & we must get back into port in the best way we can. In order to do this, we must have patience, & calmly commit ourselves to the guidance of the great Pilot. Let us go forward, therefore, quietly & cheerfully, & trust that the same blessed master who has been with us heretofore, will not now forsake us.

[illegible] of the *resolution* is *questionable* in *principle*, inasmuch as it does not appear to harmonize with the general theory of the Com.ee relation to the missions under their care. The sentiments of the Com. on their relation to the missions are set forth in the special report submitted to the Board last September. Although you will agree that they are liberal, kind & fraternal. But we deem it of the first importance that we have the liberty of a perfectly free & unrestricted correspondence. If there is any thing which needs explanation, &c. in the opinion of the Com. they wish to feel at their ease in writing to their fellow laborers in the common work. And on the other hand, they do not mit to keep any mission intimate a desire to be excused from the further discussion of any topic. Tho' the language may be respectful & courteous, the seeming effect is rather to shut the door against them.

I have no idea that your mission intended any disrespect to the Com. I think I can understand just how you felt & reasoned; but the resolution will have a look in the eye of the Com. & also in the eye of others when it shall be published, which should be avoided. I am not writing to you now by the direction of the Com. & hence I do not express their views as having been instructed so to do. But I am perfectly assured that they will not approve this resolution; & when the question shall come before them, they will direct me to tell you so. And it is because I anticipate such a [illegible], that [illegible] to you in this informal manner, that you [illegible] purposes of recalling the vote, if you shall deem it advisable.

We have wished & hoped, to be able to report to the Board at Pittsfield, that our correspondence with your mission was closed, with the approbation & to the satisfaction of both parties. But the receipt of your letter has disappointed us. Should we lay it before the annual meeting, the effects we greatly fear, would be unhappy. A few would say, "I am glad of it. The Com. deserve such an answer." Others would say, "This proves, what we have supposed to be the fact, that the Cherokee mission are less cordial in their feelings towards the Com. than they used to be." Others still would say, "We liked the first letter; but this resolution, deprecating further discussion, we do not fancy. It seems to be shutting

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the door for the Conv. whether they wish to keep it [illegible] as [illegible] or [illegible] if they still would say, "this is just what we have expected, there is an unwillingness to have the subject fairly & fully canvassed. And when the Conv. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] itself [illegible] [illegible] aside our [illegible]." You will of course understand that I do not [illegible] the reasonableness of [illegible] [illegible] by any thing I have ever written. You [illegible] to [illegible] the progress of this business, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] may [illegible] very unreasonably in relation [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] they [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] at [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Nor have I any doubt that the Institution will lose rather than gain in the good opinion of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. You stand well now, the attempts of slander to the contrary notwithstanding. Do not hazard your position by any unnecessary experiment.

I have just been speaking of the effect of the resolution on the Board. Suppose further that the Conv. in its meeting, or to the meetings should afterward then disapprove of it, & the Institution would feel constrained to [illegible] what would be the status of the question? You consider at once that [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] very awkward [illegible]. It [illegible] it would be a source of satisfaction to most, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a source of [illegible] regret.

But it is time to [illegible] & [illegible] [illegible] the resolution. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] by what you [illegible], [illegible] what you have left unsaid

The first thing which struck me on reading the letter proper (which for convenience I will hereafter call the letter) was its diplomatic brevity. You would seem to have come together, resolved not to say any thing at all, or to say as little as possible. Hence there is a wide difference in the manner & form of what you have now written & your former full & clear & explicit communication. I do not object to brevity, however, when all is said that needs to be said. For example, what you have written under the 2d head is perfectly satisfactory to me, & I presume it will be to the Com. But some parts of the letter are so concisely expressed as to be obscure, &, as I think, do injustice to the views of the mission, or, at any rate, leave them open to misconstruction.

In No 1. you decline making any pledge, (which, by the way, the Com. have not asked,) that you will in all cases inquire into the views of slave holding candidates, preliminary to their admission to the Church. But you give no reason for the refusal, & hence the reader may suppose several considerations which influenced you. 1. It may have been on ecclesiastical grounds. As ministers of Jesus Christ, you may have demurred to any such claim upon you. 2. It may have been because you take the ground, that it is never proper to raise any such inquiry, as ministers at the South would reason. Or, 3. you may have felt that there might be cases where it would be a work of supererogation, inasmuch as you would have previously gained all the information which you should need. And this harmonizes with the fact, that you say nothing to such of our letter as supposes an agreement between us as to the admission thereof to slaveholding converts.

Indeed, if you adopt the view which we do on this topic, there would seem to be no difficulty in the matter of adjustment. The Com. care not where or when or how you get the needful information; that is all in your discretion. All that we wish is, that when you admit a slaveholder to the Church, you do it in the belief, resting upon satisfactory evidence to your own minds, that he is so far free from the guilt & wrong doing of slavery as to be owned by the Master as a member of his visible Church. Or again 4 you may have in your own minds some very peculiar tho' possible cases where you should deem it unwise to institute such an enquiry. You might be willing to do it in 99 cases out of 100; but as you might be unwilling in the 100th, you decline giving the pledge.

Now if I understand your views, especially if I interpret your former letter aright, you can explain what you have said under No. 1 so as to clear up all obscurity, & place us all in a comfortable position. Tho' unwilling to pledge yourselves in all cases, you may explicitly avow your readiness to carry out the views of the Com. as a general rule, & leave cases of rare & exceptional occurrence to be disposed of as they shall arise. To indicate my precise idea more accurately, I will amend your language so as to express only what I suppose you believe & hold as the truth. "But we must confess that we are not prepared to pledge ourselves, in all cases, to make the views of a slaveholding candidate in relation to slavery a subject of specific inquiry, on his examination for admission to the Church. We anticipate that cases will arise, where we shall have previously become satisfied on this point, & hence that any additional inquiry would be unnecessary. And we can also imagine cases of very rare occurrence, ~~and~~ so peculiar in their character that we might deem it ~~very~~ inexpedient to go into this question." I have made this amendment very hastily, & the language is not well chosen; but it will suffice to give you my general idea.

Let me say a word on No 3. I do not object at all to what you have written; but it seems to me you might have added a few words which would have put the idea in a better shape. Suppose you had said, at the end of No 3. something like this: "And we readily admit the importance of our churches taking higher ground in regard to discipline, not only in cases growing out of the system of slavery, but also in ~~all~~ every species of moral delinquency; & we acknowledge it to be our duty to instruct them faithfully & fully herein. This we are endeavoring to do." You might add that you suppose few pastors are able to bring their churches to understand their own precise views in all cases.

But I have written more already than I purposed when I began; & I would gladly have been excused from this unpleasant task, in whole & in part. The truth is, however, that I deem it very important to put this vexed & vexing question in the best shape it can fairly & honestly assume. The welfare of your mission is intimately concerned, as also the peace & prosperity of the Board. A little change of language, the omission or introduction of a very few words, may affect the issue of this business very materially, & with it the harmony of the institution we all love.

May I not ask you then, & the other brethren of your mission, if it is not worthy of your consideration, whether you will not substitute another letter for the one I have just received. You will understand that I throw out this idea as a mere fraternal suggestion, which you can adopt or not as you please. But I have felt that you ought to know how your letter strikes us, not knowing but you would wish to change or modify it. We do not intend to lay the correspondence between you & the Com. since the last annual meeting, before the Board, if we can withhold it; once through the Com. Hence there will be an opportunity for you to reconsider your last letter.

And let me forestall one impression that you may get in perusing this letter. You may suppose that I am the chief objector to your resolution, or that I am more so. My views are less decided than those of others in relation to it. It may not be well [illegible] how others spoke & felt, and I determined to write to you freely, as I have done, without any instructions from the Com. being a letter from one individual to another; & you will take it for just what it is worth. You are at liberty to show it to the mission, indeed I should prefer that all the brethren might know what I have written.

I have written in a good deal of haste, that you may get the letter before your next meeting. Excuse the appearance of the letter, which it should have been prepared with more care.

My Christian salutations to all in the mission.

Yours in the fellowship of the Savior
& of your blessed work,
S. B. Treat.

Miss. House. Boston
Aug. 13. 1849

Mr Jacob Hitchcock
Cherokee Mission.

Dear Sir

I send herewith a letter to Dr. Butler on a matter of common interest to you all, because I wish it to reach him by the annual meeting of the mission, & I suppose this is more likely to happen if I forward it to you, than if I direct to Flint, P.O. If you can get this communication to him before or during the annual meeting, you will much oblige me.

I have not yet been able to procure a lady to proceed to Dwight & take charge of the girls out of school. I have had some correspondence on the subject, & was endeavoring to comply with the wishes of the mission, as heretofore expressed. But a few lines in a recent communication of Mr. Worcester, have thrown me all aback. He says he understood you to say, that you were about to write to the Com. advising them to make prospective arrangements for discontinuing the school. Hence I am expecting daily to hear from you, & shall do nothing towards procuring another assistant.

Kind regards to Mrs. H. & all at Dwight.

In haste, very truly yours
S. B. Treat

Mission House, Boston
Augt 13. 1849

Rev. S. A. Worcester
Cher. Mission

Dear Brother,

I have been wishing for some time to write to you, but have waited hitherto for more leisure. And now I must write in the greatest possible haste. Your letters of June 4, June 16, & July 13, as also the one containing the minutes, are before me. There are several topics on which I should like to speak at length, but I cannot do it. It has often been a subject of regret & humiliation to me that some things need not to be said to you & your brethren, [illegible] at length, in order to put the case in a right position in the minds of the brethren, & yet I cannot command the necessary time to do it; & I do not wonder that I [illegible] have the time; my prospects in regard to [illegible] are [illegible]. I cannot [illegible], if I am [illegible] much longer, & I shall be spared the [illegible] of my feelings the [illegible] of [illegible] in our [illegible], [illegible]

1. Whatever [illegible] of the [illegible] case is now, if possible, what I anticipated. You seem to have done your duty in the premises. Thanks [illegible] that any thing more can be said or attempted. I trust I may never recur to this topic again.

2. I am much obliged to you for your full reports. I wish all would do likewise. I made a suggestion in

5. Your [illegible] letter [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] must [illegible] some
[illegible] to have written [illegible] written at length but
since [illegible] to the [illegible] of your suggestions about the tendency
our [illegible] of my letter [illegible] difference. [illegible] the
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of fraternal [illegible] [illegible]
will [illegible] it in that light. [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible], [illegible] [illegible] unforeseen. I hope the brethren will
reconsider [illegible] to the cutting off the Choctaw mission, &c. Perhaps
I [illegible] rather [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] while
my [illegible], [illegible] I do not remember what I said;
[illegible] I think the impression [illegible] the brethren must
have been [illegible] from what I did write, rather than
your [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] subject,
[illegible] the Choctaw mission [illegible] [illegible] which I
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the Connection
[illegible] [illegible] that, so far from supposing that
we should cut off or withdraw patronage from our [illegible]
in the [illegible] on account of the slavery question, I have
been resolutely determined, if possible, to avoid it. I
have supposed a separation might be necessary,
particularly for the Choctaw mission; but I did not
mean a separation forced upon them against their will
or consent. I have supposed that if it became a
settled fact in our Connection that we
could not harmonize in our views, both parties
would probably, in the end, request a separation; if
that should not take place, I have supposed
that some other way would be devised which
would render our act unnecessary.

5. Your letter on slavery, dated Aug 11. disappointed us somewhat. I have written to Mr Butler at length, & hence will not go into the matter here. The resolution our Comm. will certainly dislike. I mean all that I say on that point; for I know very well how it will strike. I should not have expressed myself as I have, had I not known. I hope the brethren will reconsider.

The letter as you reported it would have done very well, & was about what I expected. I have thrown out 2 or 3 thoughts which I should like to see in the document, if consistent with your views & those of the mission, not otherwise. Please to turn them over a little, & see if you cannot bring them in. I wish this letter to wind up the correspondence so far as you are concerned. Hence I hope you will put your views in the best shape.

But I must close. Kind regards to Mrs. W. & all your family.

Yours affectionately

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
Augt 2. 1849

Rev. J. Potter,
Sioux Mission

Dear Brother

Your favor of July 14 is before me; & tho' I have not time to reply as fully as I could wish, I will say a few words now.

1. I think the opinion you expressed to your brethren in regard to the effect of any letter which they should write to the Choctaw mission, on the subject of slavery, is, sound & judicious. You have said just what I should have said. Still, if your mission feel a particular desire to address their brethren among the Choctaws in relation to this "vexed & vexing" theme, I would let them do it. If they will write in a kind & fraternal spirit, not blinking the real difficulties of the case, & expressing the sympathy which may properly be felt for good men so peculiarly situated, I think no evil would come of it; on the contrary, I should hope the communication would be received kindly, & perhaps it might do good. I think the Choctaw miss. will meet such a letter in a spirit somewhat different from what they might have shown a few months ago.

Had I been inclined I think such a course pro-
[illegible] a newspaper publication, that should discuss
the relations of the southern Methodists to slavery. In fact
I have some very serious objections to such a course;
especially while the [illegible] is now in progress; it is cer-
not be generally known what the precise result
would be. The people would by all means perhaps
[illegible] & [illegible], supposing that you were
not satisfied with the prospective settlement
of the question.

Of course I do not feel quite sure how we
are coming out of this business (it has, indeed,
been [illegible]) I [illegible] to predict. I earnestly desire that
the adjustment of the question should be honest &
above board, such as the Almighty would ap-
prove. I have no reason to suppose that the mis-
sion do not mean what they now express. The
[illegible] that Conference had its influence in shaping
their course, & if they will adopt correct prin-
ciples now, we will let the past go. And if they
will carry out our views, tho' they do not fully
accord with us in abstract opinions on the sub-
ject of slavery, we cannot ask any more.
At any rate, we must go on in the present
line of this question, & see where we come out. It
is a very delicate matter to intimate to a Christian
that we doubt their sincerity; we cannot do it
without the clearest evidence. Besides, I think there
is a true [illegible] change in the northern [illegible] since [illegible]

If these letters are any [illegible] of their [illegible] there can be no doubt of it. Aug 21, 18[illegible]

2. In my last I spoke of your going to the Allegheny Reservation, should there be any difficulty in regard to your location in consequence of your attention to the moral subject, & your doubts whether the mission wanted you, &c. I say again, I should be glad to have you go to the Allegheny, provided your brethren do not really desire to have you stay with them. I am not at all sure as matters now are among the Sioux, that it is expedient to commence any new operations. Recent letters make the future very uncertain. Should you wish to know more of Allegheny, Rev. Wm. Hall, of the N.Y. Ind. Mission will inform you. His P.O. address is Randolph, New York. I may say a few words to Bro. Hopkins about your plans for the Sioux.

3. I commend your wisdom in keeping out of the papers on the slavery question. I am well aware that some things have been published, that may [illegible] your connection; but I have thought it better that as they should be ended, suffered to fall into oblivion. [illegible] my own [illegible] has been taken strongly at times; but I have kept still. I think the Choctaw brethren & sisters will do [illegible] hereafter, unless the next annual meeting should [illegible] them again, which I hardly anticipate. Have you heard of the death of Mrs. Bird? She expired just at Colchester, Ct. Aug. 6. He will be regarded from his connection with us in the affliction. Kind regards to all. Yours S.B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
Aug. 21. 1849

Rev. R. Hopkins,
Sioux Mission

I am much obliged to you for your favor of July 20. I have time to say but a few words, as our Com. will come together in a few minutes. The picture you give of matters among the Sioux is gloomy; & the Lord who seeth the end from the beginning only knows when the light is to arise upon all this darkness. The letters from the mission have been particularly discouraging of late, & I have not doubt but our plans should be modified accordingly.

I would throw out this suggestion for the mission, hoping you will receive this before your meeting, namely, not to adopt any plan that shall require any increase of expenditure at present, but keep up your present stations, & carry on your operations as now commenced, & let the future disclose the divine will. The communications I have received within a short time have turned my mind in this direction. There must be some change soon; for a new treaty will be made shortly, which will doubtless affect you materially.

A difficulty may arise in regard to Mr Potter. But if you have no place for him, I can fit one, as I have told him. Perhaps, however, the mission will have some post in their records which they will wish him to occupy. If so, I shall not object at all, provided no very great outlay of expenditure shall be required. If any plan which you may adopt shall contemplate such an outlay I shall want to go into the merits of the question somewhat.

I throw out these ideas hastily, that you may have my first impressions. Perhaps the recent communications do not convey the impressions of the whole mission. And besides, I feel willing to go on with our present plans of labor, cheerfully & hopefully. I believe it is of the Lord, that you are in the field; & I do not see it to be his will as yet to quit.

Kind regards to all the Br. & all, at your station

Yours
fraternally
S. B. Treat

2. p. Miss. Rooms, Boston
August 21. 1849.

David Breed, Jun.
Colchester, Ct.

Dear Sir

Your letter of August 13 I did not receive till this morning. I have been greatly surprised by the sudden death of Mrs. B.; for though I was aware that she returned from the Choctaw country in poor health, I hoped that she would regain her strength on breathing once more her native air. Such, however, was not the will of her Lord & Master. He regarded her as having finished her work; & I have no doubt she has entered into her rest. May we follow her in Gods own time!

I sincerely sympathize with you in this great trial. The hand of the Lord is, indeed, heavy upon you. But he will give strength equal to your day. In my short life, I have had some experience in the school of affliction; & I can bear testimony to the faithfulness of God in all the varied scenes through which I have passed. Look unto him, dear Sir, for the grace you need, & I am sure he will not disappoint you.

Your request for a release from your connection with the Board has been laid before the Prud. Comm. & they have passed the usual vote in such cases in ~~you~~ accordance with your wishes. You may consider yourself therefore as sustaining no longer the relation of an assistant missionary, but as free to act as freely in all respects as you did before you received your appointment.

You have my earnest wishes for your future usefulness so long as God shall spare your life.

Affectionately & truly
Yours
S. B. Treat

Miss House Boston
Aug 28 1849

Rev. Gilbert Rockwood.
Tuscarora N. Y.

Dear Brother

Your letter of July 21 was duly recd. I have not time to answer at length. My object in writing is simply to ask for a few more statistics. Will you have the goodness to send me the number who have attended school boys & girls separately. I want the whole number not the average to conform to the rest of the report. Will you also give me the church members who have died been dismissed excommunicated or restored during the year.

Kind regards to Mrs B & Miss Thayer.

Very
yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. House. Boston
August 28. 1849

Rev. Asher Bliss,
Chief Warrior, N.Y.

Dear Brother.

Your letter of Aug. 20, I received this morning. My object in writing now is to apprise you of our views in regard to your visit to New England. As I have but a moment to spare, (the Prud. Com. being now in session,) I will say with all brevity, 1. that if you & Bro. Wright shall think that your health requires a visit to New England this fall, the Com. cheerfully give their consent. But 2/ it is their impression that the state of things among the Senecas makes it undesirable that you should leave just at the present time. The reasons for this opinion are too obvious to be gone into in this letter. Still we do not wish you to feel under any constraint that shall keep you from taking that course which your health shall seem to demand.

With these suggestions we leave the matter to you & Bro Wright. Kind regards to Mrs B. the children & all your associates.

Very affectionately
& truly yours S. B. Treat.

Miss. House, Boston
August 31, 1849.

Rev. S. Hall
La Pointe, Lake
Superior.

Dear Brother:

In looking over my letter-book today, I had supposed that I had written to you respecting a teacher for La Pointe, since my communication of July 24. I have secured the services of Mr & Mrs. Charles Pulsifer, of New Hampshire for this post; & he left Boston two days ago on his way to Lake Superior. He may reach La Pointe about as soon as this letter. I regard them both as excellent persons, of some Christian consecration to the work of doing good. His qualifications for the place I think are sufficient; & I have no doubt you will find them kind & faithful co-workers.

I was sorry that I could not see more of Mr & Mrs P. while they were in Boston. But this is our busy season, & Tuesday, when they were here, is our busy day, of all others. I intend to write to them soon. Give them a Christian salutation from me when they arrive.

I am sorry that neither you nor Bro. Wheeler have given me any report from La Pointe or Bad River to assist me in making out the annual report. Perhaps you have something on the way, but it will arrive too late, because the time has come for closing up the annual report & submitting it to the Prud. Com. I hope you will do better next year. Perhaps I may write you again on this topic.

My health has been poor this summer, & I know not what is before me. But the Lord reigneth; & all that he does is wise & right.

Kind regards to Mrs W. & all your associates.

Very truly &
fraternally
yours
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I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Yours [illegible]

[illegible]

C. F. [illegible]

Miss. House, Boston
Aug. 31. 1849

Mr. E. F. Ely,
La Pointe, Lake
Superior.

Dear Brother

I have been expecting for some time to hear from you, & I have waited in that anticipation, & not written on the subject of your retiring from the mission till this time. We had not been able, till within a short period, to supply your place. At length we have succeeded; & Mr. [illegible] is now on his way to La Pointe to teach the school which you have had in charge.

As I have not heard from you, I presume that you still retain your wish to be released from your connection with the Board. Accordingly, I have brought the matter before the Com. & they have granted your request. You are, therefore, released from your connection with the Board, from the receipt of this letter.

In terminating our relations to you, we cannot but express our earnest wish, that God will bless you & yours in all your future life. May grace, mercy & peace be multiplied unto you!

In regard to what shall be allowed you, we are hardly able to decide to our own satisfaction. You say: "I have no pecuniary resources, & cannot ask the assistance of the Board in removing my family. Some provisions for the winter & a small supply of winter clothing, our cooking stove, table furniture & culinary ware, & the cows which have belonged to our family, viz. an old cow (11 yrs old) & calf, & 3 year old heifer, which we ourselves raised. A few tools also in my possession." We propose that you consult with Bros. Hall & Wheeler; & we authorize them to allow you the foregoing articles, or so many of them as they may think best. They know all the circumstances of the case & can judge more correctly than we can. Perhaps the brethren may think that Mr Pulsifer will need some of the articles which you mention; we cannot tell exactly how he will be situated when he arrives at La Pointe. We leave the whole case, therefore, to these brethren, not doubting but they will do right; & we shall be satisfied with their decision.

Kind regards to Mrs. Ely & your associates.

Affectionately &
respectfully
yours
S. B. Treat.

P.S. Your letters of ~~Jany~~ & April 12, ~~was~~ duly received, as you will suppose.

Miss. House, Boston
Sept. 5. 1849

Rev. E. Hotchkin,
Doaksville, Choct-
aw Nation

Dear Brother

I rec'd your letter of Aug. 1 & 6 with a pleasure that was unmingled with any other than by the regret that it did not reach me sooner. I had completed the report on your mission & it was already copied; else I should have been glad to insert some facts & extracts. As it is, I am truly thankful that you have given so good a report of your labors, &c.

I have time to write but a word; & therefore I would come to the point. You have not given me the no. of church members in your church at the date of your last August 6. I wish also the no. rec'd by letter. Please to send these statements as quick as possible that I may get them in season to be printed in the report.

In great haste
S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
Sept. 8. 1849

Rev. S. Hall; La Pointe,
Lake Superior

Dear Brother

Since I wrote you on the 31st of Augt I have recd your letter of Augt 16-22. I am very sorry that it did not arrive sooner, as I had already finished the report on your mission. Hereafter may I not ask reports from Bro. Wheeler & yourself in good season? If the mission is to be kept up, as you wish, we must have materials for giving its history, from year to year. This is indispensable.

You will have learned, before this reaches you, that we have released Mr Ely from his connexion with us. My letter to him will show what we propose in regard to a parting allowance. I have not heard from him, as you led me to expect that I may; but on receiving your letter, I laid the subject before the Com. again; & I am authorized to say, first, that he will be allowed the $250 which you name; secondly, in regard to the various articles of personal property which you mention, we leave the whole matter to you & Bro. Wheeler. When Mr Pulsifer arrives, you will see what he will want. Such of the articles

& Mr. C. shall not need, of course, what they can take.

I am in great haste, being very much hurried in preparing for the Annual Meeting.

Missionary House Boston
Aug. 10th 1848

Yours fraternally
S. B. Treat

Mr. C. C. Copeland,
Wheelock, Choctaw
Nation.

Dear Sir

Your letter of Aug. 3 to Mr. Hill he has put into my hands that I might say a word in regard to your P. S. The case which you have stated is hardly full enough for an opinion; I therefore shall write hypothetically.

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slaves had been purchased by himself, with a view to their working out their purchase money: for he said we should not buy any, that we had not sufficient confidence in, for such a plan, or words to that effect.

3. Nor is there the slightest objection to a missionary loaning money (not of the Board) to a slave, that he may obtain his freedom, & then "work out" the loan by laboring for his friend & benefactor. This, I am inclined to think, is the case you had in mind, when you wrote the P.S. to Mr Hill. Let this go "ahead," if you shall think it best.

In all these cases the risk is the same in respect to the uncertainty of life. And, indeed, I do not see much difference in the hazard as it affects other points. If the slave is legally yours, as under the 1st supposition, you would hardly like to enforce your legal rights as other masters do. Perhaps some slaves might behave better, before emancipation, than they would after; but, if I understand Mr Kingsbury, the class you would have any thing to do with, would not take any advantage of their immediate rather than prospective emancipation.

Perhaps I have not met all the points in your own mind; but I have endeavored to do it. I write in great haste, as I start in a few minutes for the annual meeting at Pittsfield.

Kind regards to Mrs C. & all at the station. Yours &c S. B. Treat

Miss. House. Boston
Sept. 22. 1849

Rev. J. C. Strong
Edgington, Rock
Island Co. Ill.

Dear Brother

Your letter of August 27 arrived just as I was leaving for the annual meeting; & since my return I have not had leisure till to day to reply. The request contained in your letter was laid before the Prud. Com. at the first opportunity; & you & Mrs. Strong have been released from your connection with the Board, as in good standing, & in the usual form.

It gives me pleasure to reflect that all my intercourse with you & Mrs. S. (for whom I have a very high regard), whether face to face, or in the way of correspondence has been undisturbed by any disagreement or difficulty; & in terminating my official relation to you, I cannot but express my earnest hope that God will be round about you & bless you in all your future labors. May he make you the means of much good in the region where you are laboring.

Our annual meeting was of the most elevated & heavenly character. Never have I been present at such a hallowed convocation in this world. There had been much prayer for the meeting; & God had hearkened & heard, & he was present with his own chosen influences.

From some of the papers you will not be able to learn the precise position of the slavery question. The Com. did not take any action on their letter of June 22. What all they wish is, that the Lett. will let it sleep. This they have done; & that letter is to be considered the exponent of the principles in accordance with which all such questions are to be wrought out. One thing is very clear; the letter of June 22 will never be rescinded.

As to the feelings of the Choctaw missionaries, I must say in all candor, that judging by their writings, they have made a good deal of progress since I was in the nation. And I am not willing to believe them insincere. I must have some evidence of their insincerity that I have not now, before I can set them down as dishonest men. And if you are meditating an attack upon their integrity, as your letters would almost imply, I hope you will pause & consider the nature of the position which you will occupy before the world. Before a man becomes an accuser of his missionary

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assailants & brethren in Christ, he should be fully assured that he is called to such a work. It will be a spectacle which must be a grief to all good men. If there is just ground for the attack, it will be lamentable; & so, if there is no ground for it.

Should you feel called upon to publish any thing touching the relations of the mission to slavery, I hope you will furnish me & the mission with what you say. The case may assume such a shape as to require a formal investigation of the charges on the part of the Prud. Com.

You will see that the question is not finally disposed. The Cher. mission are coming up, very nearly, if not quite, to the position of the [illegible] of June 22.

Please to present my Christian salutations to the Bro. And believe me,

Yours affectionately,
in the gospel, of our
Common Lord,

S. B. Treat

P.S. Your requests are attended to. You will receive the Herald gratis.

Miss. House, Boston
Sept. 22d 1849

Miss Eliza Giddings
Dwight, Chero. Na.

Dear Madam.

Your letter of July 25, was very acceptable; & my only regret was that it did not reach me at an earlier day. It happened to arrive just after I had written the report on your mission; so that I could merely insert a few words in regard to the Dwight boarding school. I have found a number of missionaries this year quite tardy in forwarding their reports.

You make a reference to an expression in one of my letters in regard to the mission's sending for more laborers. I suspect you did not apprehend my idea, & perhaps I was not sufficiently clear. I have done my best to procure the assistance which the mission asked; & did not give up my efforts, till I learned that there was some uncertainty about the continuance of the Doctor. My object in writing as I did, was to express a wish that I had been fully apprised of the views of the mission on the general subject, for the satisfaction of my own mind; not that I wished to call in question the [illegible] [illegible] matter. It has seemed to me from first to last, there were some practical difficulties about the [illegible], & I have wanted light, more of it than I have hitherto obtained. But I think it likely that you will have heard other things in regard to the continuance of the school before this reaches you.

And permit me to say in conclusion, that none of my doubts have been connected with your part of the work. I have been well satisfied with your labors, so far as I have understood them, in behalf of the pupils committed to your care. I could have wished more spiritual fruit; but I do not lay any blame to you.

Should the school be given up, would you like to join the Choctaw mission? If the brethren there should need your services, you have my frequent consent to go. In that mission, I think you would find a different state of things as to results. The schools there have been greatly blessed.

Affect.

Yours in
great haste
S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
Sept. 2 [illegible]

Rev. D. S. Butrick
Dwight, Chero. Na.

Dear Brother

Your letters of June 20 & June 27th were duly received; but in consequence of ill health & a pressure of engagements, I have not been able to reply till now. And at the present time, I cannot go into the topics discussed in these communications. I hope you will feel at perfect liberty to write as fully & freely, as you wish, on these or any other; & I will do all in my power to relieve your mind by a timely response. But for some time past, I have found it very difficult to keep up with my correspondence; & I am rather expecting to take a furlough of a few weeks, as I very much need something of the kind. The Com. are also of this ~~[illegible]~~ opinion & have kindly agreed to facilitate my temporary release from the labors of the Miss. House.

Our annual meeting was a most blessed convocation. We had no difficulty in relation to slavery or any thing else.

Miss [illegible] Boston

Oct 22 [illegible]

We verily seemed to be sitting together in heavenly places in Christ. There was such a meeting of the Board held, I believe. I fear we shall not soon have another such meeting. But God, who is rich in mercy, may have many such blessed seasons in store for us.

The correspondence with your mission was not laid before the Board, there being no disposition apparently to oppose or defeat the wishes of the Prudential Committee. For this I am truly grateful; & before the next meeting, I hope we shall get all things about right. I am now satisfied that we have escaped from the ~~[illegible]~~ among [illegible] path, [illegible] we have a [illegible] it will be only just so much is the [illegible] of labors, shall [illegible] for our good. We must have patience, & I think we shall obtain the gracious assurance.

Kindly regards & Christian salutations to your associates, & believe me

Your affectionate
brother in the
Lord

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Sept. 22, 1849

Rev. W. Willey
Yongar. Cher. Na.

Dear Brother,

Your two letters of May & July 4 have remained unanswered till now, for reasons with ~~with~~ which you are already sufficiently familiar. The old excuse, poor health & a multiplicity of labors, must serve my purpose still. And I cannot promise to do much better, at least for the present. What my gracious Lord & Master has in store for me, I know not. I have thoughts of taking a furlough, however, this fall; with what results, time only can show. I regret very much that the Indian Correspondence has fallen into such hands; but the Comm. can not make any other disposition of it; & so I continue to do as well as I can.

There are several topics in your letters, on which I should like to remark;

but I may be wrong. [illegible] I have [illegible] in my letters [illegible] [illegible] things [illegible] in regard to Miss Heald. You say "there is some difference of opinion here & among the Choctaw missionaries, who ought to be responsible for getting Miss Heald here." [illegible] understand precisely what you [illegible]. If the action of the Com. in requesting her to go to [illegible], is called in question, it would have been better to say so at once, & the reasons for that measure might have been given. If something else is intended, it would have been better, as it seems to me, to have indicated specifically the point in dispute, that no time would be spent in unprofitable discussion.

I hold myself ready, at any & all times, to justify the appointment of Miss Heald to Spencer, in the circumstances, & with the light which the Com. had when they acted. The truth is, the call for aid was very urgent; & we supposed that we must send some one, & failing to get any one else to go out with Mr. C. C. Copeland, we after consulting with him & his wife, I told the Com. that I did not know what else could be done ~~then~~ but to ask Miss Heald to go there. They took the same view of the case. Had we known so much about her health, as she afterward stated, we should not probably have adopted that plan. As to the urging of the

4 Cases, among other things relating to this particular & have
point, you said "Our [illegible] must be soon broken
up if [illegible] had been kept." Such expressions
caused me to feel that something must be done.
2. Mr Ranney's buildings. I am much obliged to
you for your statements respecting Mr Ranney;
some of the facts which you mention are new to me.
There has been so much misapprehension about this busi-
ness from the beginning that I am not disposed to im-
pute any blame to any one, because I do not
think any wrong was intended to any one. Still,
if I had known all that I now know at the outset,
Mr Ranney's feelings would have been saved, to
some extent at least, & there would have been
much less correspondence on the subject. I have
a high regard for him & the [illegible], & am sorry that
any thing should have happened to give him uneasi-
ness. Good, however, may come of it in the end.

3. The Slavery question. You will have learned
what was done at the annual meeting on this
subject, tho' some of the papers seem determined
to pervert the truth, especially the N. Y. Observer.
The account of the meeting in Boston, in 1845,
published in the Cherokee Advocate, was a very
unfair statement of the case, & very unjust to me
in particular. This year the offence is repeated in
a milder form. The Herald will give you the
truth, without any man's comments. I hope the
Crisis is past.

4 be regularly acted. I am expecting to hear from your annual meeting on this subject, & therefore will not write now. Some things which I have heard recently, lead me to think that this topic will have been before you. Hence I have ceased to make any efforts to procure assistance in carrying forward the school.

Perhaps I shall be absent a few weeks this fall, for the benefit of my health; but if I conclude to take this step, I shall apprise the mission of the fact. —

Affectionate regards to Mr. Willey, & to all others in the mission.

Fraternally,
yours,
S. B. Treat

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Miss. Rooms, Bost.
Sept [illegible]

Rev. P. P. Osunkhirhine
St. Francis, Canada
East.

Dear Brother

I was glad to receive your letter of June 7, & should have answered it sooner, had I not been in poor health during much of the summer, & been a good deal hurried besides. Nothing has occurred in regard to you, so far as I know, which has needed any special attention. No new complaints have reached us, & I hope that you will be able to live down all such things, showing those who oppose you, that you are a man of God, & that his favor is with you.

I hope that you may soon be able to report more success in your work. There are, indeed, many obstacles of the gospel among your people, but the Lord is mightier than all things. you & the few Christians with you look to him, [illegible] multitudes shrink

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[illegible] stay yourselves out to

[illegible] are humble & child-

[illegible] revival of religion.

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deal [illegible] a day of fasting, that

[illegible] may appear & bless you.

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may all the ministers share

in his favor!

Very affectionately

Yours S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
Sept. 24. 1849.

Rev. C. Kingsbury
Doaksville, Choctaw
Nation.

Dear Brother

Your report for the past year, I received on the 10th of August. I am very much obliged to you for the details which you have furnished; & they have been of use, not only in making out the Annual Report, but in other ways. I hope you will continue to keep me apprised of what is going on in your field.

Of Mrs. Breed's death, I presume you have heard. She died on the 8th of August. Mr. B. was away at the time, & not expecting such an event. I saw him a few minutes at Pittsfield at the Annual meeting, but have had no extended conversation with him. He was dismissed some weeks ago, before Mr. Hill received your letter. His connection with the Board affords very little pleasure in the retrospect.

I am sorry to hear Bro. C. C. Copeland

that your health is not as good as it has been heretofore. He did not go into particulars. I shall be happy to hear from you, if there is any serious ailment upon you. I hope you will not endeavor to perform too much labor, especially in making journeys to the churches on the Boggy & the Blue. If the Prud. Com. were to address you a formal letter, I am sure they would say, Consult the demands of your health; for the Master does not ask more than you are really able to perform.

I have suffered somewhat from poor health this summer. Just after my letter to you of June 16, I set out on a visit to the N.Y. Indian mission; but I was seriously injured by the journey, & have hardly got over it. Providence seems to show that I am not called to this kind of work. I wish I could have thought so, before I went to the Choctaw nation; as it would have saved me & you a good deal of "wear & tear", both bodily & mental. And yet, the Lord has been very good to me, at all times; & if it is his will, I am willing to go through still more trying scenes. Indeed, with all that has been unpleasant & painful in my visit & its consequences, I think, I have derived great spiritual good from the process; & tho I should shrink from such another trial of my faith, I feel that I have learned some things about "the exceeding riches of his grace" that I never knew before.

Mis. Moore. [illegible]
Sept. 29. 1847

that you will wish to hear about our Annual meeting. Never was there such a meeting! It was, indeed, a holy convocation, & the Master himself was there. There was a regular & most gratifying increase of interest till the close; & when we adjourned, we had ascended about as near to the better world, as we can in this ~~world~~ life. It was truly a wonderful meeting!

But what of the slavery question? Why, that made no trouble whatever. The statement which I read in behalf of the Prud. Com. was followed by your letter. And there there was a pause! & no one seemed disposed to make any movement. & we went to other business. Afterward, the papers were referred to a Com. who reported that nothing needed to be done. And thus the matter passed off. There was a very general feeling of satisfaction, when your letter was finished. Almost every man seemed to breathe more freely.

I do not suppose we have got thro' with this business. Next year, I confidently expect a discussion, unless unanticipated events shall occur. But if you will be *patient* & *quiet*, & afford no ground for doubting your sincerity *to any body*, & follow out your principles to their legitimate results, we shall live thro' it all. I am afraid that an attempt will be made to show, that whatever you may have written in the 2d letter, you mean just what you have said in the 1st letter, & that we are trying to deceive the public. I shall not be surprised, if Mr [illegible] feels himself called

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upon to say some things which may give us ~~some~~ trouble, & I have forgotten to him, to pause & consider well what he is about to do.

I could say many things, but I have not time. Kind regards to Mrs. K. & your valued associates. Please say to Mr. Stark, that I have rec'd his letter, for which I am much obliged. Those matters are all right between him & the N. York Conf., I presume. He may also be open for his appointments.

Affectionately & truly yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
Sept. 24. 1848

You will have learned, [illegible]

Rev. A. Wright
Wheelock Choctaw
& letters

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It gives me much pleasure to find that the results of the year among the Choctaws are so favorable. The Lord has, indeed, been gracious to you; & may his smile still rest upon you, till the whole nation shall be renewed by his grace.

Miss. House, Boston
Sept. 24. 1849.

Rev. A. Wright
Wheelock, Choctaw
Nation.

Dear Brother

Your letters dated July 12 & July 17 are before me. I feel under special obligations to you for the materials you have furnished for the annual report. I wish all the missionaries had as good a report to make as you have, & were as prompt to make it. I have been much troubled this year by the tardiness of the communications of some in the different missions.

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You will have learned something of the character of our meeting at Pittsfield, & the proper [illegible], indeed, a most blessed convocation; the best we have ever yet held. How many times have I regretted that Mr. W. & yourself could have been present this occasion, instead of that. Certainly I could hardly conceive of any thing more spiritual & heavenly in this world. The brethren of every shade made no trouble; nor did it create any discussion. The 2ᵈ letter of the mission was listened to with much pleasure. I think now the crisis is past. We shall have some trouble, next year, probably, in consequence of Presᵗ Blanchard's [illegible]; & we may expect to lose a portion of our supporters. But if your mission will faithfully endeavor to carry out the principles of the Cherokee letter, according to the interpretation which the Cherokee mission shall put upon it, there will be no serious difficulty; at least, so it seems to me at the present time.

My greatest fear is from some who have been members of your mission, but are not now. Mr Strong has left you in a very decided state of mind; & he has purposed writing some thing to be published. I have cautioned him, in a recent letter, on this point, as far as I was willing to venture; but I shall not be at all surprised if he comes out against you over the signature. I wrote to him & have requested him to send what he publishes to you & also to me. Perhaps it may all take such a shape as to require attention. [illegible] of Pierce from [illegible] [illegible].

You are already aware, I presume, of the state of the question in regard to Mr Stark's appointment. There is a courtesy prevailing between different missionary societies, as between colleges, which must be duly regarded in such cases. Should he bring himself into fitting relations to the Com. of the Assembly's Board, I know of no obstacle to his acting in connexion with your mission. I feel that more preachers are needed among the Choctaws. I wish there were 2 or 3 good young men to begin at once to acquire the language, determined to master it, & not to leave [illegible], [illegible] all their days. I think there should be a missionary at Good Land, & another beyond the [illegible]. I am afraid that some of the older brethren will be called away, at no distant day, [illegible] being [illegible] in years, & in poor health; & it would not be strange if your ranks should be thinned by disease. The Lord has been gracious to you, & to the Choctaws, in sparing you so long; perhaps the exemption will not be enjoyed much longer.

In regard to the hiring of slaves, I [illegible] that you may have taken some action at your annual meeting. I think something should be done towards effecting a change this fall, if possible. We must keep trying; & I think the desired deliverance will come at length. I shall write a few words to Mr Copeland on this subject by & by.

Fraternally yours, S. B. Treat

The Spelling books are in progress, & the printer says will be out in 3 weeks. I am a little disappointed, I confess, inasmuch as I thought they would be out before this time. I shall have them dispatched with as little delay as possible. The number of copies which you mentioned, will be struck off.

I have strong hopes that the year upon which we have entered, may be one of rich spiritual blessings, in the different missions. It was very evident to all at Pittsfield, that what we there saw & felt, was in consequence of prayer. Many petitions have been offered up to God, in respect to this meeting; & lo! the fruit, in this blessed hallowed intercourse, this genuine communion of the saints! May we not hope that, the blessing may reach all our brethren & sisters, engaged in this common & glorious work; & that the sweet influence will be felt in every department of their labors. The Lord grant that it may be so!

Christian salutations to Mrs Wright, & to those "honorable women" in your household, & all your associates. I hope to hear that Mrs W. is in the enjoyment of better health.

And permit me to ask that you will often favor me with notices of your work, & of the state of the mission, such [illegible] I can use in our publications. Mrs W. perhaps may be able to aid you in this thing, as she did in the letter of July 17.

Fraternally yours. S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
Sept. 24. 1849

Mr. C. C. Copeland
Wheelock, Choctaw
Nation.

Dear Brother.

In looking over my letters, since the meeting of the Board, I find yours of May 24. still unanswered. During the summer I have been unwell much of the time; & I have been obliged to leave many things undone. I trust you will pardon the omission; & you may have occasion to grant a similar indulgence hereafter. I am thinking of going away for a season, after some 3 weeks, to try once more to build up my health. But I shall write to the mission on this topic.

In regard to the hiring of slaves, I think that another effort had better be made, this fall, to procure free laborers. I presume, the mission have acted on this subject, or I would say more in this letter. If nothing shall have been done at your annual meeting, & no plan formed, I think some one had better go to St Louis or Cincinnati, & make a vigorous effort; & perhaps it will be successful one. I see no fault in your doings last spring; but a second attempt will succeed, it may be, better than the first. If you cannot go, perhaps Mr Hotchkin can. He is so much of a Yankee, I think he would do well. Will you see that this thing is attended to? Kind regards to all

Yours &c S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
Sept. 25, 1849

Mr. Lewis Bissell Cotton,
Norwalk, Ch. Nation.

Dear Sir

Your letter of July 6 did not reach me till the 25th of August. It gave me much pleasure to hear from you, & especially that had consented to take Mr. C. C. Copeland's place at Norwalk. Of this, indeed, I had been previously advised. I hope that neither you nor the brethren of the mission will have any occasion to regret the present arrangement. There is so much uncertainty in regard to the male assistants whom we send out, till they have been proved, that it is fortunate also for the elder laborers in the field, that they can have the cooperation of one whom they have known already. There have been some sad failures, as you are aware.

I trust, dear brother, that you will endeavor to throw your whole soul into all your efforts in behalf of the Choctaws. No matter what your employment for the time being may be, if it be the thing which you are called to do, you can have the blessing of Christ & the favor of God just as much as if you were preaching in Choctaw to crowded houses. Our gracious Lord is never stinted in the measure of his love; & so he can bless all to the uttermost. Affectionate respects to Mrs. B. Yours very truly
S. B. Treat

Miss. House. Boston
Sept. 25. 1849.

Miss M. Cotton,
Choct. Nation.

Dear Madam

Some 2 or 3 months ago I received your letter of May 25, & should have answered it much sooner, had my health & other engagements permitted. I was very glad to hear from you; & I earnestly hope that you may still be able to do much for the poor Choctaws.

In regard to your future plans, I need only say, that any arrangement which you & the mission may make, will meet my approbation. Should you have the requisite bodily vigor, there can be no doubt that your assistance & cooperation will be needed.

I send this to Norwalk, not knowing exactly where you are to be found at the present time. I think it likely, however, that you are still at Spencer. They have been greatly afflicted there, I hear; & if Mr Ramsey was there, I would request you to express my warm Christian sympathy in his severe trials. May the God of grace sustain him!

I do not know that it will be necessary to write the brethren in relation to your case. They will be ready, I have no doubt, to give you a place, when there is one which you will wish to occupy. In haste. Yours very sincerely S. B. Treat

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Miss. House, Boston
Sept 28th 1849

Mr H. W. Pitkin
Norwalk, C. Harrington,
Eagletown, Choctaw
Nation

Dear Sir

Your letter of Aug 10 did not reach me till Sept. 15, the day after the Board adjourned. Hence you will see that it could not do me much good in the preparation of our Annual Report. But I was very glad to receive your communication, & especially to learn the prosperity of your School. May the Lord continue to bless you & the pupils, only more abundantly, upon all the peace.

If you can dispense with a hire labor, we shall of course be very much rejoiced. But we do not wish that health or life should be put in jeopardy. In due time I trust, with prudent efforts, I think we shall get the matter right.

We had a most delightful meeting at Pittsfield, but another I never expect to see! It was truly heavenly. We are getting in sight of land on the slavery question. Time, patience & trying will get the question into a pretty good shape, I hope & expect. I am afraid that Mr. Strong will make an attack on the mission, that may do some mischief. I think if the rest of the world will hold still, the Com- the mission can adjust the matter to general satisfaction.

Kind regards to Miss Starr. I am happy to hear that she is doing well. Very truly yours, in haste, S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Sept 25. 1849

Rev. C. Byington,
Eagletown, Choctaw
Nation.

Dear Brother.

I have just seized a few of these moments of leisure this morning to answer your letters of June 25, July 11, & Augt. 10. The two former met with bad usage on the way; & the first was really in tatters, tho' I was able to make out the contents. With the last of these communications, inclosing the opinions of the Messrs Harris, Howell & Hendson, I am much obliged to you for it, tho' it came too late for the Annual Report. You can say to these gentlemen, if you please, that I have read their statement with much pleasure, & rejoice that the school is conducted in so satisfactory a manner; & I hope it will continue to merit the good opinion of the Choctaw Nation.

I thank you for the report which you sent me; still I wish it had been rather more full. The statistics of the school are incomplete; & I have been obliged to come as near the truth as I can. The tables which we publish in the Annual Reports will show just what we want. Please to present my acknowledgments to Mr. Winship for his satisfactory report & to Miss Keyes for hers. (which was sent by Mr. Heath untouched.)

You have already seen an account of our Pittsfield meeting. The blessing of God was upon that sacred convocation; & it was, indeed, a most precious assemblage of the saints. I could wish that all our missionaries might receive a similar baptism of love from the Father; & perhaps He designs to make this a year of his right hand, & therefore has given such a token of his love to the Board.

The slavery question made no trouble. There was much fear & a general expectation of a discussion, or, I may say, of a "grand battle." But when the statement of the Com. & your letter were read, the thing came before the meeting in so unexpected a shape, that no one had any thing to say. There are many who would not be willing to have the question closed up just where it is, & who are nevertheless satisfied to leave it between the Com. & the missions, & let them work out the problem. Others, of course, are content to leave the matter where it is. But the true ground on which to place the subject is this. The Com. & missions are trying to put it in the best shape they can; but we must have time & confidence. We will get rid of the hired slaves, as soon as is practicable, & put other things in the proper position, as God shall give us ability & wisdom.

The reports in the papers do not exhibit the true phase of this matter, in every instance. There seems to be an impossibility of getting such a question before the public, thro' the newspapers, as it should be. The Independent has done well. Prime has an objectionable letter in the N.Y. Observer; & the Evangelist it [illegible] 2 expressions to which you may take just exception. But these are matters of course, & we must remember the injunction of Paul, "forbearing one another in love."

In regard to the future, I may say, if you can all [illegible] keep peace, & do as well as you can, we shall get along without serious difficulty. I am afraid of an attack on your mission; perhaps on me also, from Bro. [illegible]. But the Lord reigns; if it come, it will be for some wise end. Be patient.

1. If I had time, I should like to say some things about the hiring of slaves, in connection with what you have written. I think I could relieve your mind somewhat. Perhaps I ought to say, in passing, that there is __no inconsistency__ between what Mr. Greene has written & what we hold, or have said to the mission. Mr Greene does not so regard it, any more than I do. But let us turn our thoughts to the best mode of getting clear of the difficulty. I hope the mission adopted some plan at their annual meeting. If they did not, I hope you will send Mr H. K. Copeland, or Mr Hotchkin on this errand. We will __foot the bills__. Let them try, try, __try__. Light will break in upon us at length. Mr Hotchkin is so much of a Yankee, that I am sure he can get laborers for you. We might do something by a proclamation; but we might get some that you would want in Texas or California by this process.

2. I wish to do more for the Choctaws, especially in the way of preaching. I hope this point was considered at the annual meeting & any well considered plan, we will try to carry out. In regard to your field, confer with the mission, & let them say what ought to be done. We want the opinion of all on such points.

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Miss. House, Boston
Oct. 5, 1847

I know that your labors are very severe, & I would gladly relieve you. And if any scheme can be adopted that seems wise, you can depend on my cooperation.

I have many things to say, but must stop. I expect to leave the Miss. House for a few weeks, after a little, on account of health. I have told the Com. that they had better give me a final discharge. But they have not consented. They have agreed, however, that I may have a furlough. I do not expect to be so far away, however, as not to watch over the Indian missions, and to do what I can for their furtherance still. But you will hear more of this matter presently.

My kind Christian regards to Mrs. B., Lucy, Cyrus, and to all your associates. You can say to the latter (connected with the schools) that I am much pleased to hear so good an account of their labors in the school, & of their success.

Yours very affectionately

S. B. Treat.

P. S. I have not spoken of Mr. [illegible]. The [illegible] we have probably arranged ere this [illegible] for themselves. I commend him to your [illegible].

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Miss. House, Boston
Oct. 15, 1849.

Miss Mary J. F. Thayer
Tuscarora Station,
N. Y. Indians

Dear Madam

Mr. Hall gave me the note which I send herewith, some days since; but my engagements have been so pressing that I have found no time to write to you till now. And it is but a word that I can say at the present time; & that will be to ask for information in regard to the boarding school, which you speak of. When was it organized, upon what plan, & at whose expense? It is something about which I am wholly ignorant, tho' perhaps I should not be.

I do not, by making these inquiries, imply any disposition to reflect upon any one in this matter. I mean no more than I say. Please to let me have light, that I may know what is doing at Tuscarora in the educational department.

Very truly
Yours S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Oct. 5. 1849
Miss. House Boston
Oct. 18. 1849

Rev. G. Rockwood
Tuscarora N. Y.
Rev. J. Potter.
Fort Snelling,
Minnesota Ter.

Dear Brother

Your letters of Augt 27 & Sept. 5 were duly received. I thank you for the information which they contain. The Annual Report, I hope, will be out in the course of a few days; in which you will see what is said respecting your mission.

The accounts of the meeting at Pittsfield you will have read. They do not give too glowing a description of that hallowed convocation. It was a wonderful meeting! I fear we shall not soon have another like it.

I am hoping daily to hear from your annual meeting. I trust that the Lord was with you of a truth, & that the same Spirit who was at Pittsfield, breathed on your hearts. There are some topics connected with your mission, on which I should like to write; but they may have been discussed at your meeting; & therefore I will wait till I hear the results of that occasion. Kind regards to Mrs R.

Truly yours S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Oct. 18. 1849

Rev. J. Potter.
Fort Snelling.
Minnesota Ter.

Dear Brother

Your letter of Sept. 12 was received Oct. 2; & the one of the Sept. 24. has come to hand this morning. As the main topic of both is the expediency of your removal, I shall confine my remarks to that at this time.

1. My impression in regard to your mission, after all the light which I have obtained, is, that not much can be done till a new treaty shall be made with the Indians. Hence it is not expedient to commence new operations of any kind.

2. What will be the state of things after the treaty, no one can say. We ought not to base any plans upon changes for the better, till they shall have actually occurred. Hence I do not see that any permanent provision can be made for you at present; I have thought otherwise till recently.

3. In this state of things, I am in favor of your going to Allegheny, if you shall think it best, after corresponding with Bro. Hall. If he desires your cooperation, I have no reason to suppose that his views have

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changed since I saw them, & if you shall take the field, from the account of it, & wish to go there, I shall favor it, unless there shall be some new phase of things among the [illegible] which may raise a doubt. I am clear that the Com. will take the same view of the case, because I have conferred with them on the subject.

4. I am so confident in regard to the assent of the Com. in the circumstances above mentioned, that as soon as your own mind is satisfied, you may lay your plans accordingly; tho it will be well for you to apprise us of your wishes, as soon as they have taken a definite shape, that the Com. may make the *formal* transfer. Miss Edwards will undoubtedly receive permission to accompany you.

I do not know that you will wish to do any thing in regard to the language before your removal, in case it shall take place. If you shall, Mr. Wright is the man to advise & assist you. His address is, "Rev. Asher Wright, Chief Warrior P.O. New York."

Mr S. W. Hand will be allowed to visit New England next season, should he wish to do so. But if you shall make up your mind to go to Allegheny, I should doubt the wisdom of your taking his place. The sooner you remove, the better. Probably some other arrangement can be made in regard to his station.

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I am expecting to leave Boston next week, to be absent a while for my health. I shall be careful to see letters from the Indian missions, however, [illegible] [illegible] before [illegible] attention is given to the department. You will write as freely, therefore, as if I were at the Miss. Rooms.

Many affectionate regards to your family & all at your station.

Fraternally
Yours
S. B. Treat

[illegible] Chas. [illegible] have been shipped [illegible] Orleans, had been [illegible] as speedily as possible. There [illegible] 2 boxes, [illegible] the following 512 smaller, & the other 6[illegible] larger box. They are directed to your address. I have had these boxes sent in advance of the other articles [illegible] supposing that you may wish to order them from Shreveport Arkansas, [illegible] they will have arrived. I [illegible] any [illegible], perhaps you may [illegible] [illegible] season. [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible], & there be no boating on Red River above that place, you might have one or both boxes transported by land [illegible] Shreveport, & could [illegible] [illegible] with the aid of [illegible] of the first [illegible] [illegible]

Kind regards to [illegible] & all with you —

Very respectfully yours S. B. Treat.

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Miss. House, Boston,
Oct. 18. 1849.

Rev. A. Wright,
Wheelock, Choctaw
Nation.

Dear Brother,

The Choctaw Spelling Books have at length been shipped, & Mr. Greenwood, of New Orleans, has been written to, to forward them as speedily as possible. The 2 boxes, one containing 512 smaller, & the other 492 larger books. They are directed to your address. I have had these boxes sent in advance of the other articles to go to your station, supposing that you may wish to order them from Shreveport separately, whenever they shall have arrived. If you shall prefer any other route, perhaps you may yet send & have Greenwood informed in season. Should they go to Shreveport, & there be no boating on Red River above that place, you might have one or both boxes transported by land, & by wagon. Mr. Copeland, could easily bring them along, especially with the aid of some of the good friends at Doaksville, &c.

Kind regards to Mrs. W. & all with you.

Very respectfully yours S. B. Treat.

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Mission House Boston
Oct. [illegible]

Rev. William Hall
Randolph, N. Y.

Dear Brother

When I was with you last summer, we had some conversation with regard to Mr. Potter's joining you in the Allegany Reservation. I have had some correspondence with him since that time; & I suppose he has already written to you on the subject. I think he will make up his mind to remove to your mission provided you shall approve of such a measure, provided also your representation of the case shall seem to make it desirable that [illegible] labour shall be bestowed there. In other words, if you produce the same impression on his mind that you did on mine, as to the [illegible] for a missionary, he shall desire his [illegible] I believe he will conclude to make a transfer. [illegible] in the [illegible] which I have now mentioned, [illegible] no [illegible] the Com. [illegible] I think the prospect of usefulness for Mr Potter is greater & better among the Allegany Indians than it is among the Sioux.

The opinion of Judge Potter remains unchanged [illegible] all my acquaintance with him, [illegible] he has exhibited a very good spirit, & I believe [illegible] [illegible] address [illegible] the Mathematics [illegible]. I see no immediate prospect of getting any one ready to join the enterprise. You will see by the report of the meeting at Pittsfield that we are getting [illegible] short of [illegible]. There is more difficulty about teachers & [illegible] you [illegible] a [illegible] at some [illegible] the [illegible] of us both is, [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible].

Mr. Potter will [illegible] hard to engage language. This is very important. [illegible] of your [illegible] [illegible] as they move, I think favorably of the transfer; & he will probably be a [illegible] [illegible]. I hope you will write [illegible] frankly & fully, just as you feel. If he [illegible] the teaching the sooner he decides the matter the better for all concerned.

I have been expecting to hear from you [illegible] for some time. Why the delay? What [illegible] by some time of your annual meeting. Of course I presume you have heard much. We were all [illegible] the papers have represented. Indeed, it was worse [illegible] I think [illegible] appear [illegible].

I have been looking for a letter from you in regard to Allegheny matters, particularly the [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible]. What progress have you made? If any thing [illegible] none of the Com. at present, I am sorry that the question has not come up before this, as I am expecting to be absent a while, on [illegible] of health. But I shall say all [illegible] [illegible] on this subject, as you will doubtless learn in due time.

I have heard nothing of your sister of late. I hope [illegible] that she is much better. Please to express to her my kind sympathy & Christian regard. Miss [illegible] I have not seen [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] ready to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], shall she not come up? I hope so, by all [illegible] [illegible] of this you, [illegible] [illegible] for her, [illegible] just now, [illegible] [illegible] by her [illegible]. I trust her journey will prove of permanent advantage to her. [illegible] [illegible] very [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] with [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

S. J. Treat.

I am about to leave the Miss. House for a while, for the sake of improving my health a little. I have been hoping to hear from you in regard to your [illegible] matter, [illegible] [illegible], that if there is any thing special regarding the action of the Com. I may lay it before them [illegible]. But I shall now wait merely hoping for [illegible] [illegible] subject of my absence. I shall write briefly to the mission. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] & [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

I will say a word about [illegible] [illegible] your wife, with [illegible] some things which I [illegible] her.

Miss. Rooms Boston
Oct. 11. 1849.

Rev. C. C. Copeland
Doaksville, Choctaw
Nation.

Dear Brother.

Before the receipt of this, you will have welcomed your good wife, & been made glad & grateful by her return. I trust her journey will prove of permanent advantage to her. Such a meeting as we had at Pittsfield, may well lengthen out her days. Oh. it was good to be there!

I am about to leave the Miss. House for a while, in the hope of improving my health a little. I have been hoping to hear from you in regard to your doings at the annual meeting, that if there is any thing especially requiring the action of the Com. I may lay it before them. But I shall not wait much longer for your letter. On the subject of my absence, I shall write briefly to the mission. Write to me just as freely & frequently as before.

I will not enlarge a word, as I trust that your wife will state some things which I have told her.

The same letter was sent
to the Choctaw, Cherokee, Sioux
& Oj[illegible]

If nothing has been done by the mission in this matter, I wish you, or Mr H. ~~Mr~~ Copeland, to take this subject in hand, & procure free help from St Louis, Cincinnati, or any where else. I would rather have you engage in this matter, because I think you are so much of a Yankee, that you will certainly succeed. We are willing to foot the bills, but the mission must do their part.

We have got the slavery question into a very good position; let us keep it there. Enable me to say, if possible, next year at Oswego, "there are no hired slaves in the Choctaw mission."

As to the mode of doing this thing, I leave it entirely to you. Proceed in your own way, & I doubt not we shall all be satisfied.

We might make a movement at the north, & have offers from a variety of persons to go & labor among the Choctaws; but we should get all sorts in this way, & with some of them any where else. You understand this matter.

How does Mr Smith work in your harness? I have not learned as yet?

Affectionate regards to Mrs H. & all your associates.

In haste
Yours
very sincerely
S. B. Treat

P. S. Should you choose to procure help, Mr. Starke might labor in your stead.

The same letter was sent
to the Choctaw, Cherokee, Sioux
& Ojibwa Missions.

Miss. House. Boston
Oct. 17. 1851.

To the Choctaw Mission

Dear Brother

You will receive, with the goods hereafter to be shipped, 2 copies of Wells' grammars, large & small. They are sent to you that you may examine them, & see if you wish to use any of them in your schools. Mr Wardwell, publisher at Andover, has kindly offered to give us any number that we may want up to 500. Your mission may come in for a good share. Should you wish to introduce them into all the boarding schools, they will be furnished. The book is of good repute in New England.

Very truly

Yours

S. B. Treat.

The same letter was sent
to the Choctaw, Cherokee, Sioux
& Ojibwa Missions.

Missionary House, Boston,
Oct. 17. 1849

To the New York Indians Mission,
Mr Kellogg
Cher. Missn

Dear Brethren,

As the Pru. Com. have kindly given me a furlough for a few weeks, that I may endeavour to improve my health thereby, I am expecting to be absent after the 20th of this month. And I write you this before leaving, that any want of attention to your letters may be explained in advance.

I trust, however, that you will continue to write to me as frequently as if I were at the Miss. House. Your letters will be sent to me immediately, so that I shall know your affairs & keep along with your operations. And, further, whatever needs to be done by the Com. will be attended to, unless in some cases of special complexity & embarrassment. It is my hope & expectation that the interests of your mission will not suffer in any respect by reason of my absence.

I am, dear brethren,
yours in the fellowship
of the gospel,
S. B. Treat.

The same letter was sent to the Choctaw, Cherokee, Sioux & Ojibwa Missions.

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Dear Brethren,

As the Pru. Com. have kindly given me a furlough for a few weeks, that I may endeavour to improve my health thereby, I am expecting to be absent after the 20th of this month. And I write you this before leaving, that any want of attention to your letters may be explained in advance.

I trust, however, that you will continue to write to me as frequently as if I were at the Miss. House. Your letters will be sent to me immediately, so that I shall know your affairs & keep along with your operations. And further, whatever needs to be done by the Com. will be attended to, unless in some cases of special complexity & embarrassment. It is my hope & expectation that the interests of your mission will not suffer in any respect by reason of my absence.

I am, dear brethren,
yours in the fellowship of the gospel,
S. B. Treat.

Miss. Rooms, Boston
Oct 20. 1849

Mr Kellogg Day
Cher. Mission.

Dear Sir

I learn from letters received within a short time, that you contemplate leaving the mission to the Cherokees. Indeed, the minutes of your annual meeting, which I have already, mention your intention hypothetically. As I do not know the reasons which influence you, I will express no opinion upon the case at this time. I can say, however, that there is nothing in your relations to the Miss. House or the Prud. Com: which should induce you to take such a step.

My object in writing is to say, that in passing upon the estimates of your mission, the $400 item of allowance & passage (in case of your removal) was struck out, & $175 put in its place, the sum which you had last year. The reason is this. The Com. do not make allowances to missionaries who are released in advance. When the application for a discharge comes, the facts are stated on which an allowance is asked; & whatever seems to be right, is cheerfully granted. And so it will be in your case. Should you write for a release, please to say what occurs to you in this matter, & the Com. will act at once. Kind regards to all. Yours S. B. Treat

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Miss. House Boston
Oct 20, 1849

To the Cherokee Mission

Dear Brethren

Your estimates for 1850 have been received & acted upon by the Prud. Com. All the sums asked by you have been allowed, except one item of $400 proposed to be given Mr Dager in case of his release. This has been disallowed, for reasons which shall be explained in a letter to him, & which I have no doubt will be satisfactory.

Permit me to make one suggestion; which is, that when there is any material change in any item of expenditure, the reason for asking an increased expenditure be given. This is the practice of our brethren generally. Where there is no change, no explanations are necessary. I see that Mr Foreman has $450 this year; whereas he had but $300 last year. We have allowed the sum; but we should prefer a reason in such cases.

Very truly

S. B. Treat.

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Mission House, Boston
May 2, 1848
Rev. T. S. Williamson M.D.

Dear Brother

Your letter of March [illegible] [illegible] is received [illegible] & I am much obliged for a copy of your journal. I have not [illegible], which is a disappointment to me. [illegible] it should be understood [illegible] the duty of the [illegible] to forward such a copy, without [illegible].

The mission letter upon the state & prospects of the mission has also come to hand; & I have been much interested in its perusal. Large extracts will appear in the Herald for [illegible]. That part of the letter which refers to the four [illegible] must be omitted.

As I have not received the estimates, I will express no opinion in relation to them. I have always thought that the brethren of the Dakota mission were quite economical; & I hope we shall have no reason hereafter to change our opinion. This is your true policy, to say nothing of higher considerations.

In regard to Bro Potter's location, I am well satisfied that a new station was not assigned him. Such is the state of the Sioux now, that our plan should be to hold still, merely carrying forward our present operations, till a treaty shall be made. That will doubtless introduce important changes. Let us wait, therefore, & see what is to come.

If Mr Potter is pleased with the prospect among the western Indians, & [illegible] on the whole to go thither, I think the Com. will give him leave. They will not wish to do any thing to discourage the [illegible] brethren, or interfere with their plans; but there is so much uncertainty about the position of which it is so desirable for them to be settled, that they will regard this course as the best, all things considered. It is not at all certain that your station will be large enough, with others, even after the removal, in any future contingency.

I have noticed what you say about boarding schools. I am not sure that the best course has been pursued in this matter, tho' Mr Greene, I believe, feels pretty confident that nothing better could have been done. But the past is beyond recall. Let us do as well as we can in future, & thus secure the favor of the Master.

Kind regards to Mrs W. & all with you.

Affectionately yours S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
Oct 20. 1849

Rev. Asher Wright
N. Y. Ind. Mission

Dear Brother

I have been expecting to hear from your mission for some time. I had hoped that my visit had taken off from your shoulders such a load of secular cares & labors, that you would have more time for writing; but somehow I seem to be mistaken. May I not expect more frequent communications hereafter?

I think Mr Bolton is reluctant to join your mission. If you all continue to desire his presence, I shall expect to see the change effected in the spring. It cannot well be brought about sooner.

No answer has come from the Bible Soc. in regard to printing the Scriptures in Seneca. Have you heard any thing on the subject?

Your letters of July 25, & Aug 6 were duly received, as you will have inferred from the Miss. Herald. I am much obliged to you for your full report. Nothing has been written to one of the chiefs, tho' I have expected to hear from them, in consequence of your letter.

Affectionately yours &c &c, in [illegible] [illegible] S. B. Treat

Miss. Rooms, Boston.
Oct. 22, 1849.

N. Y. Ind. Mission

Dear Brethren:

I have this day received the minutes of your annual meeting, also a letter from Mr Bliss, giving some account of your convocation. It would seem that the Lord was present with you, as he was with us at Pittsfield. Let us give him all the praise; & let us strive to secure a more abundant blessing hereafter.

My object in writing is, to say a few words in regard to the estimates. And I must be allowed to express my regret, that they have not come sooner. I am now just upon the point of going away, to repair the damage done to my health by my visit to Cattaraugus last summer, & to see if I can not obtain something that is more stable in this regard. Hence there is no time to get the information which I wish before my departure; & perhaps the appropriations cannot be made for some time to come.

And let me here make a suggestion which may be of use hereafter; namely, that

wherever there are new items of expenditure or
2. an advance upon the old ones, it is desirable
that some explanations should be forwarded. For
want of such explanations, I must delay the
action of the Com. on these estimates, & perhaps
put you to the trouble of writing, after all.
3. I will just notice the addition of $50 for female
~~helper~~ which I trust shall not be considered as implying
distrust of the ladies of the mission or they [illegible]
I wish them to be adequately sustained in the
domestic department; & I said not a little to Mr. Hall on this
subject. But the question presents itself in this shape:
Are your salaries insufficient to allow the procuring
4. of adequate aid? For you will see that this is a
virtual advance of $50 on your salaries; & if the
same was necessary, it should have been embraced
in the salaries, & not made a separate matter.

Ought your salaries to be raised $50? Upon this
point I need light. I have supposed, however, that
when you have taken into the account all your
advantages, that you stand upon a footing fully equal
to that of most ministers (or at least the majority) who
are around about you. [illegible] have [illegible] that you are better
off than the majority of New England pastors. If this
is so, it becomes a very [illegible] question whether there
should be any advance. I am open to conviction.
Let me say again, that
I do not wish the ladies deprived of their help
[illegible] [illegible] it by all means. S. Treat

2. Schools. There seems to be an advance in this part of the estimates of nearly $200, viz. $140 in Mr. Wr's field, & $50 in Mr. Hall's. What is the plan? How is the money to be expended? We made a small appropriation for teaching Seneca. What is the result? Is the proposed increase a step in that direction? If not, where?

3. ~~Translating~~ Printing & interpreting at Upper Cattaraugus. I presume this is all right; but is it for the contemplated edition of the Scriptures, or in part for the other work. If the latter, an appropriation has already been made. How much of this is to come from the Am. Bib. Soc. if we obtain a grant?

4. The Cattaraugus boarding school. I have not been informed by Mr Hall of the exact state of this question; hence we shall not be prepared to act now. We do not wish to embark in this enterprise till we ascertain what the State of New York will do. Should they refuse to do any thing, we will take up the question in a distinct shape, & consider it accordingly. But till we know definitely their intentions, we prefer to wait.

If there is any delay in the case, & a visit to Albany by Mr Hall should promise a favorable result, I should be in favor of his going. Has he done all that can be done to hasten a decision? Perhaps it may be well to write to Mr Morgan.

I have not time to enlarge on these topics, as every moment is precious.

Very truly

Yours S. B. Treat.

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Miss. House Boston
Oct. 23. 1849

Rev. S. A. Worcester,
Park Hill, Cher.
Nation.

Dear Brother

Your two letters, one containing the minutes & estimates, & the other communications & suggestions, were duly received. I am much obliged to you personally for the precision & business-like way in which you perform your service as clerk; & also again in the system & order with which the brethren take up & [illegible] of the several items that come before them. Now, I apprehend, we shall understand each other better, & not get into any snarls & cross-purposes, as we did once or twice last year. I think that you will like the new way the best, after the harness shall have been fairly put on.

I sent two short letters to the brethren [illegible] [illegible] last Saturday; apprising the brethren of my contemplated absence, & the action of the Com. on the matter of the estimates. I now expect to leave tomorrow morning, & be gone a few weeks, & left Mr. Treat to answer the letters from the Indian missions, & to have the direction of the correspondence. Your brethren will apply to Mr. Treat for money, & all that pertains to the Indian matter.

There are several items brought to my notice in your letters on which I will remark briefly.

1. The colporteurs. As I have received nothing on this subject, except the vote of the Mission, & a single note in your letter of Sept. 19, I do not know precisely what is your plan, & therefore will not enlarge on the [illegible] at length. I may say, however, that it will probably be difficult to procure the men, especially such men as you describe. This difficulty you will understand by referring to the Paper read before the Board on the want of Missionaries.

2. Mr Foreman's Case. I suppose the action of the [illegible] [illegible] as referred to above, & hope you will be able to retain his valuable services. I agree with you that we must not give up in despair, because the Methodists trouble us. Let the true light be held up, & even the Methodists may be instructed from some of it. In [illegible] parts of the country we see the silent influences of other denominations upon the followers of Wesley in this respect.

Looking at these two subjects, the employment of colporteurs & the Foreman's case, the question has arisen whether the Brethren, or the others in the northern Country [illegible] anything in the way of effecting a more general [illegible] of the gospel among the Cherokees. Perhaps the [illegible] of the Nation will not allow much to be done, [illegible] something nevertheless may possibly be attempted. Mr Foreman's Connexion [illegible] question would come into play [illegible] [illegible] by [illegible] meetings [illegible] well adapted to such a community. I know the Cherokees are different; but think of it.

You will have learned that no one has been sent to the [illegible], so that there will be no disappointment. As soon as I received your letter, alluding to the possibility of a change, I gave up all idea of sending out a female assistant this fall.

As to the future, in reference to the school, I will wait till I hear from you. It is a difficult subject. In making out the estimate for [illegible], the question forces itself upon me, "Is all this money wisely expended?" I do not say that it is not. If there is a [illegible] reconstruction of the school, &c, there will be a difficulty in obtaining suitable teachers, stewards, &c. That, however, is not a sufficient reason for suspending the school.

The action of the matter in Mr. Ranney's case appears [illegible]. The Com. have accordingly made the appropriation recommended.

You will have received full accounts of our annual meeting. It was all that the papers say. Indeed, it was truly wonderful! The like of it I never expect to see in this world. The slavery question is getting into a better shape. We shall have some discussion next year probably, but with patience, prayer & faith, I hope we shall ride out the storm without serious damage. "Not unto us, O Lord, &c."

You will have learned my views in regard to your last [illegible] before this. I hope you will have wisdom given you from above for your station, & ours, & yours.

Affectionate salutations to your family & associates. Yours, S. Peck

P. S. I am glad that you have made arrangements for an annual report. But when is it to be presented? At your annual meeting? If so it will be too late for our annual Report. Can it not be drawn up & a copy sent to me by Aug. 1? If there can be no change in this respect, then let the Station reports be full, & prepared & sent in season for the annual Report of the Prud. Com., & when your annual report comes, I will put it in the Herald, or so much as there shall be room for. I should prefer, however, to receive your annual report by Aug. 1 of each year.

S. B. Treat

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[illegible], Boston
Oct. 20. 1859

Rev. S. Foreman,
Park Hill. Cher.
Nation.

Dear Brother:

Your esteemed favor of July 10 was duly received; & I should have replied to it ere now but for 2 reasons. 1. I have been very busy, having but little time for my correspondence. 2. I wished to learn what action the Mission took in your case before writing to you.

Last week, I received the minutes of the meeting held at Dwight, from which I learn the action taken in your case. I approve entirely the vote adopted; & I sincerely hope that you may be able to comply therewith. I sympathize with you in the trials of your work as a preacher, especially those that come from the course pursued by the Methodists; but we must not be weary in well doing. The fact that wrong sentiments are proclaimed, & doubtful measures instituted, is surely an insufficient reason for our withdrawing from the field, so long as there is any prospect of doing good. But I have touched upon this subject in my letter to Mr. Worcester, to which I refer you. Kind regards to Mrs. F.

You will find a brief notice of your labors in the Report.

Yours
S. B. Treat

Mis. House Boston
Oct 23. 1849

Mr. C. C. Copeland
[illegible] Choctaw
N. Na.

Dear Brother

Your letter of Sept. 14 came to hand just after the meeting of the Board, & I have been so busy that I have not had time to [illegible] till now. And were you here & see how much I have [illegible] just at this time, you would [illegible] that I [illegible] at all, that I am [illegible] for I have been absent a few weeks for my health, [illegible] which you will see [illegible] the nature of a letter, [illegible] I must say a few words [illegible] from the [illegible] for a time, & shall [illegible] the letters for the Indian missions, & shall relieve [illegible] the charge of the correspondence. [illegible] the [illegible] my [illegible]

I wish to apologize for not putting in the Herald for Nov. just [illegible] of the [illegible] intelligence in your letter. [illegible] the [illegible] of my [illegible] I shall follow what may be the letter [illegible] the morning to [illegible] In the Herald, I will endeavor to insert a few lines.

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I agree with you perfectly as to the desirableness of one or 2 missionaries beyond the Rocky Mts; & should be glad to send them. I hope you will soon have taken some action on the subject. An appeal to the churches & seminaries for help would be very well, & I think, would bring a response. If nothing of the kind has been done, suppose you see that a letter is drawn up by the Brethren soon; or by Bro. [illegible]; or yourself alone, probably after conferring with some of the brethren. Let the facts be set forth, clearly & strongly; & the appeal be warm & earnest; & then publish it. It's almost impossible to get missionaries for any field, unless there are calls from that field.

I have read with interest what you say about projected changes in the school system. Let me know what is done from time to time; also any thing of importance that occurs in the proceedings of the Convention.

As to appointments I will say nothing; and no need, as I shall probably receive the estimates soon.

Kind regards to Mrs C.

Affectionately
your brother
in the gospel

S. B. Treat

P. S. I have this moment received the minutes of the meeting at Spencer & estimates; & have read them 2 or 3 times over, with very great interest. There topics which need attention; but I have not time discuss them now. Mr Hotchkin's resignation took me by surprise; but I have heard nothing from him, & do not understand his plans.

In the estimates I see $400 put down for Pleasant. Last year it was $300 for the mission family & $100 for a teacher. Does your allowance of $400 include the teacher? I supposed you did not expect to have one, at least for the year. Or is the $400 for the present year merely, in the expectation that afterward it will be less? It is best have a full understanding at the outset, to prevent future misapprehension.

Miss. House, Boston
Oct. 2 [illegible]

Rev. Messrs Butler &
Worcester, Cher.

Dear Brethren

I have this moment received your letter dated Sept. 28, & in my present circumstances I can do little more than acknowledge its safe arrival. The subject discussed is exceedingly embarrassing; & I had hoped that your deliberations would throw such light upon it, that the course of the Com. would be plain. In this, however, we are to be disappointed. What is to be done I do not know. I must take time to reflect upon the subject. And I hope that you & the brethren will do the same, & that we all shall seek wisdom from above. The finding of a man & woman, of more than ordinary fitness, to attend to the secular concerns at once, is hard, & of Park Hill. Still I will look about. If I find the persons present themselves, that would be an indication, perhaps, that we should go on. I may say that I am very much in the dark. The combination of circumstances is peculiar.

Yours respectfully
& affectionately
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Oct 24. 1849

Rev. N. Adams,
Zulu Mission.

Dear Brother

Your favor of Augt. 9 was duly received. Tho' about to leave the Missn. House for a season, as you will learn elsewhere, I will just acknowledge your communication. It appears that your trials are not yet at an end. But these things are of the Lord; & tho' rather severe for flesh & blood, will work out good results, with his blessing. How far patience should have its perfect work in such cases, I cannot say. The missionaries are the best judges in such circumstances.

I trust the same hallowed influence which rested on us at Pittsfield, was enjoyed by your mission at the same time. There was a deep & tender feeling among the members of the Board; & Christian sympathy went forth to all who were in their fields of labor, bearing the heat & burden of the day. I think we are getting some clearer ideas of the "communion of saints."

Affectionate regards to Mrs. A. & all others. In haste

Yrs &c S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Oct 24th 1859

Rev. S. R. Riggs
Sioux Mission.

Dear Brother.

In a letter which I addressed to your mission some four days ago, & which you will doubtless see, I mentioned my contemplated absence for a few weeks for the benefit of my health. Before I leave, however, I will acknowledge yours of the 31st July, & express my thanks for the information therein contained.

I am looking forward to the new treaty with the Sioux with a good deal of solicitude. It must have an important bearing upon the Indians, as also, upon the mission; but what the effect will be, time must reveal. At present our true policy seems to be to wait upon the movements of Providence, & look to God for light & guidance. I think the mission did wisely in not enlarging their operations by commencing a new station, &c. I have not yet received the minutes of the meeting, & do not know, therefore, all that was done. I hope I shall see them soon; for they are a great help to me in understanding the views & plans of the brethren.

You allude to the election of Mr G. W. Bond to the territorial legislature. He has not informed me of the fact, unless perhaps a declaration in one of his letters that he was writing from the Hall of Representatives, may be considered as tantamount thereto. How do the brethren look upon the step? It seems to me hardly worthy of a little thought. I shall probably say a word to him about it?

I hope to hear better tidings from Lac qui parle during the winter. Our annual meeting was a most profitable convocation, and has left a blessed savor on our character. I have some expectation that the influence will be felt among the missionaries. The Lord grant it may be so.

You will have seen what disposition was made of the slavery question. We are not through, but are making some progress. Perhaps the comments of some of the papers, you must not receive, without question, as true. The N. Y. Observer especially has done a very unhandsome thing in the truth of an article of June 22. It stands, & will stand, just as firmly, as tho it were adopted by the Board. Hence we were more satisfied to have the matter just where it is.

Tho' absent for a while, I shall receive all your letters & notice the course of events among you. Let me know all. My kind regards to Mrs R. & all your fellow-labourers in the gospel.

Affectionately yours

S. B. Treat

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Oct 24 1843

Mr C. Pulsifer,

La Pointe.

Dear Sir.

Your favor of Oct. 8 I was glad to receive, as it informed me of your safe arrival at S. Ste. Marie; tho' I was sorry to hear of your detention, tho' such an event is not very unusual in the history of missions in your part of the world.

The accompanying letter, which you will please to deliver to Bro. Hall, will inform you of my expected absence. I am so much thronged by the necessary arrangements, that I have not time to write so fully as I could wish. I hope you will enter upon the missionary work with a simple & earnest desire to do the Master's will, & nothing else. Let your whole soul be given to it, feeling that it is an unspeakable privilege to be employed in such a cause.

And this thing should be daily & hourly before your mind, viz. that your usefulness depends very much upon a close walk with God. You must derive your strength from him

Miss. House Boston
Oct 24. 1849

Rev. A. Wright
N. Y. Indians

Dear Brother

Your favor of Oct. 11. has received due attention. Herewith I send you a copy of a letter from Mr. Bingham, showing the views of the "Com. on printing" in regard to your plan of printing a part of the Scriptures. As I am about to leave the Miss. House for a time perhaps you had better write to him directly, & answer as to the points presented in his letter, also to the quantity to be published. You can make as urgent an appeal as you please.

In haste
very truly
yours
S. B. Treat.

Miss House Boston
Oct 24 1849

Rev. S. W. Hand,
Seneca Mission

[illegible]

... report will show what have written in regard to your ... remarks extended much further than I intended at the outset; but being desirous of apprising the ... of some of the difficulties encountered by the mission.

I feel that the treaty, contemplated & effected, will have an important bearing upon your operations. Perhaps it will be the turning point in the history of the tribe. May the God of nations watch over you & them, & secure for both four-fold ... & the best arrangement which the circumstances of the case will admit!

The subject of your return to New England, with your family, for the purpose of a visit has been before

Miss. House Boston
Oct 24 1849

Rev. S. W. Pond,
Sioux Mission.

Dear Brother

Your letter of Sept 19 with the mission letter accompanying it, I have duly received. I am very much obliged to you for the timely thought you have bestowed on this subject: & I hope it will not be altogether in vain. A large part of the mission letter will appear in the Herald.

Our annual report will show what I have written in regard to your mission. My remarks extended much further than I intended at the outset; but I was desirous of apprising the public of some of the difficulties encountered by the mission.

I feel that the treaty, contemplated & expected, will have an important bearing upon your operations. Perhaps it will be the turning point in the history of the Sioux. May the God of missions watch over you & them, & secure for both favor with man, & the best arrangement which the circumstances of the case will admit!

The subject of your return to New England, with your family, for the purpose of a visit has been before the Com. & they cheerfully give you the permission which you wish. In regard to Mr. Potter, however, I have some expectation that he will join the N. Y. mission in the spring. If he shall feel inclined to do, after getting possession of the facts of the case, the Com. will grant him permission. Perhaps some other arrangement can be made for your relief. Possibly Mr Hancock can take your place, & do all that is necessary.

You will see a letter which I have written to the mission, in which I speak of my contemplated absence from the Miss. Rooms for a season. I now expect to go tomorrow. And as I have many things to do, I must be brief.

Kind regards to Mrs P.

Fraternally &
sincerely
yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
Oct 24. 1859.

Rev. G. H. Pond.
Sioux Mission.

Dear Brother

Your letter of Sept 23 was duly received. I fully appreciate your objection to the publication of a part of the Mission letter. I had resolved before the receipt of your favor to make the omission which you propose.

I am very glad the mission have gone so fully into their state & prospects; & I think the statement will do good. Most of it will appear in the Herald. The report on the Sioux mission which I drew up you will find pretty full on the theme of obstacles & discouragements; but I have not said too much.

I notice that you write from the House of Representatives! Have you embarked in political life in your new territory? Or have you consented to be chosen only once, & for a *special* & *benevolent* purpose? This is an important subject; you will excuse the inquiry, therefore. We are obliged to keep our eye on this matter, as well as others; as the missionary cause sometimes suffers in this way. Kind regards to Mrs P. Yours &c S. B. Treat

Miss. House Bo.
Oct 24. 1859

Rev. G. Rockwood
Pekin. N. Y.

Dear Brother

I have received the Minutes of your mission, but do not find those for your charge among them. Will you forward them to me at your convenience?

I write in haste, because I am to leave town tomorrow, to be absent for a time. Your reply to this, & any letters which you may write, will reach me without delay.

Kind regards to Mrs R & Miss Thayer

Very truly
yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Oct 24, 1849

To the Choctaw Mission

Dear Brethren

Thro' the kindness of Mr C C Copeland, I have received the minutes of your late meeting at Spencer, & they have been read with attention & interest. Three subjects, by the terms of the minutes, seem to come directly before the Prud. Com.

1. The procurement & sending forth of 2 evangelists. On this topic I am expecting to hear from the Mission, or brethren, & will say nothing now. I shall be glad to receive their communication, & can promise the ready cooperation of the Prud. Com.

2. The resignation of Mr Hotchkin. As nothing has been written to me on this subject, I do not know the reasons which have induced him to resign, except so far as I may infer them from his letter, nor do I understand what is proposed in the event of his giving up the school. I presume I shall hear from him, if not others, & hence will refer matters [illegible]

3. The [illegible] at which the mission is now doing

its business in accordance with the general principles & regulations of the Prud. Comm. must, & my shortness of [illegible] I will make one or two suggestions, which may be of use hereafter. The estimates of all the missions undergo a careful scrutiny every year. This is demanded by our dear patrons & friends, & by the cause which we all love. The plan this year is as follows. The officers at the Miss. House examine the estimates in the first instance; then they submit the result to a sub. Com. (Gov. Armstrong & Dr. W. [illegible] have been through [illegible] them. This sub. Com. will finally submit to the whole Com. what shall be allowed.

Now it is desirable that we understand the reasons for the different items. If there is no alteration, nothing need be said. If new items, questions, &c. unless previously understood at the Miss. House, there should be some explanations. And so if there is an increase of expenditure upon the previous year. With such explanations, we can present the whole case, & have it acted upon intelligently.

In looking over your estimates, I am not able to find all the information which I should like to have.

1. Pine Ridge. $266.66 + was $466.66. ~~Have~~ What was expended before Mr Wood joined the mission? Is a part of this sum asked in consequence of his mismanagement? Or is it proposed to make the allowance permanent. If so is the support of a steward included, or not?

2. Wheelock. What has been the regular appropriation in

past year? I had an impression that it was less than $ $558.33. But perhaps I am mistaken.

3. Stockbridge. Mr Byington's salary is put down at $500. It has usually been $400; last year (thro' his generosity) he proposed $300. Is it put at $500 permanently, or for the year?

4. Among the ~~[illegible]~~ Mt Pleasant. Where, [illegible] [illegible], & hence [illegible] nothing done.

Now I do not mean to call in question the estimates. All I ask is, that we may understand the reasons for them. Our experience shows that a little explanation, in the proper places, saves a great deal of friction. We have a large debt, & are likely to have; but the Com. will be disposed to deal liberally with you.

Let me hear from each missionary at his convenience, & also from Misses Kingsbury, Hotchkin & Byington.

Affectionately
& truly
Yrs
S B Treat

Northampton, Nov. 6. 1848

Rev. E. Butler,
Rev. S. A. Worcester,
Cherok. Mission.

Dear Brethren,

Since my brief note to you of Oct. 23, I have given some thought to the Dwight boarding school, & conferred with my associates at the Miss. House. On my leaving for this place, I prepared a brief statement to be submitted to the Pru. Com. presenting what seemed to me to be the _alternatives_ in the case, & indicating a preference for a continuance of the school, in a certain contingency. I am now informed that the Com. have adopted my suggestions; & hence I will proceed to state the plan proposed.

I understand it to be the wish of Mr. & Mrs. Hitchcock to retire from their arduous post, at an early day. The Com. authorize Rev. S. A. Worcester to look for a steward & his wife, who may fill their places; your _writing to him fully_ & _practically_ what _sort_ of _persons are needed_ & _what_ they _will be expected to do._

It is important that you be explicit on both of these points. Let Mr. I R. W. know just what sort of a man (with his wife) should come to Dwight. Special regard being had to his piety, spiritual influence, ability to work in such a ca. In addition to all this, the duties of such an one should be so stated, that there will be no surprise or disappointment on his part when he arrives at the station, because, forsooth, the whole was not told him.

Should Mr. I R. W. find the suitable persons, you will of course need another young lady to fill the place of Mrs Stetson. He is authorised to obtain such a person, & that contingently. Please give him the necessary information.

You can take your own time for corresponding with Mr. I R. W. Still if Mr. Hitchcock is expecting to leave in a few months, he ought to be looking about him. Such persons are not found on every square rod, even in New England.

Respectfully & affectionately

Yours,

S. B. Treat.

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Miss. House Boston
Nov. [illegible]

Rev. C. Byington,
Choctaw Nation.

Dear Brother,

Your kind letter of Nov. 2. has duly reached me; & as I have come down from Northampton (3 hours distant) to spend our Thanksgiving, I will just drop a few words in reply.

I wish very much that we could send you one or two young men, well qualified to preach the gospel, who should acquire a good knowledge of the Choctaw. When you & Bro. [illegible] are taken away to a better country, I hope some persons will be able to declare to them in their own tongue the wonderful works of God. But young missionaries are getting to be very scarce, & I know not that we can do all for you that we desire. Still we will see.

What you say in regard to the closing of your labor, I have carefully read. I feel for you in this thing, & I hope & pray that the Lord will send us all a good & safe deliverance. But it is not my design to go into the matter now.

The special reason of my writing now, is to say a word in regard to the visit of Mrs. B. or yourself to Ohio. The Com. will very cheerfully give either of you leave for such a journey, I have no doubt. The only question seems to be, who shall go. My mind rather inclines to the opinion to which you appear to be tending, viz. that Mrs. B. had better go with Cyrus & Lucy. There is evidently need of all the labor that can be expended among the Choctaws; & I suppose Mrs. B. can accomplish what is desired about as well as you can. And yet if you decide that it is best for you to go, the Com. I have no doubt will give you leave of absence. I hope that, whoever goes will get help for your family, if nothing more. We will cheerfully foot the bills.

I hope I am gaining a little in health, but I shall know more hereafter. I return to Northampton Dec. 3, expecting to remain about a month.

Affect. regards to Mrs. B. the children & all at your station.

Very fraternally,

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Dec. 3d 1849

Rev. C. Eells
Oregon Ter.

Dear Brother

Your letters of May 21st & Aug. 6 have been duly received. The kind feelings which you express in the former towards the Prud. Com. &c, are cordially reciprocated by us. Whatever your lot may be cast, we earnestly hope that the blessing of God may rest upon you & yours.

Your request for a dismission I have not laid before the Com.; because of the intimation I have already sent you, that they will very cheerfully transfer you to the Sandw. Islands Mission. I shall wait till I learn your final decision on this question before I solicit the action of the Com. Should you continue of the opinion that the Provid. of God calls you to spend your days in Oregon, we shall grant your request at once in the usual form.

In relation to the change suggested by you, I will barely say, that other laborers will be needed at the Islands, to keep what we have gained. With

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to the progress which has been made in that field, missionaries will be indispensably necessary for some years to come, or at least ministers, from this country, to be supported perhaps, in some cases, by the people themselves. This being very clear to us at the Mission Rooms, we must endeavor to keep the mission in good condition as to numbers. But we are beginning to feel somewhat anxious as to the supply of young missionaries for our different fields. The demand exceeds the supply which we require from candidates for the sacred office, and when we are to get enough we know not. I state the fact, as one which may have a possible influence upon your decision. But, if you shall think that the call is greater to remain in Oregon, we shall think that such is the Lord's will.

As to the disposition of the press, books, &c, it strikes me that if they cannot be advantageously disposed of in Oregon, or at least in California, they had better be sent to the Sandw. Islands; or let the mission decide otherwise, as shall seem best. Such things must be in demand, (one would think) in your part of the world; but perhaps a proper sale may require too much time.

What you have written in regard to expenses, &c, I have attentively read. So far as I can judge from your statement, you seem to have practised a very prudent & economical course, & to have done all that any mission can be expected to do.

I have had the apprehension for some time that the amount of money expended in a part of your field was too great, but it was not in my power to introduce a change, before the distressing tidings of Nov. 29, had reached us; nor, indeed, did I know as much of the state of the mission at first as I do now. It has been my wish to wind up the affairs of the mission with as much economy as possible, & to enlist therein, so far as practicable, the united wisdom & prudence of all the brethren. I hoped that you, in particular, would be able to aid in this matter. Perhaps there is not much to be done now; but if you can render any assistance, we shall feel much obliged. The end of the mission is exceedingly painful & trying; but it will be a slight relief, if we can feel that no demands have been made upon the Lord's treasury beyond what strict missionary principles will warrant.

As to the allowance to be made to yourself, I prefer that the question be reserved till the business of the mission is closed. You can retain what you have; but it is desirable that all the cases of allowance should come before us together, that we may consider them in the light of some common & satisfactory principle. We also wish the approbation of the mission of the allowance proposed to each, to aid us in our decision. I do not write in this way, because I am at all dissatisfied with what you say & propose. This is not the case. Still there are obvious reasons for the delay.

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Mission House, Boston,
Nov. 5, 1859.

Rev. C. Kingsbury,
Doaksville, Choctaw
Nation.

Dear Brother

Your favor reached the Miss. House this morning. As I happen to be in Boston, expecting to leave this afternoon for Northampton for some four weeks, I will answer it at once. I do this the more readily, because of the closing paragraph in your letter. I have not referred to my letters, to see just what I have written; but I am sure of this, I have not intended to intimate any suspicion that the mission did not really hold the sentiments ~~[illegible]~~ expressed by them on the subject of slavery. On the contrary, I have believed them to be perfectly honest & upright in their declarations; & I have so said to many with whom I have conversed on the subject. In fact, I have maintained your cause as fully as you could have wished.

What I have written, I have had reference more particularly to suspicions that might arise among extreme men, & that might be circulated by others

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Mr. Strong, you all fellowlaborers, to say nothing of others. I hope that Mr. Strong will keep quiet; & in a letter which I wrote to him a few weeks since, I said all that I considered prudent, to induce him to abstain from a course that would, very likely, make you or us, or all, some trouble.

I may add, that my associates at the Mis. House & the Prud. Com. have entire confidence in your honesty in this matter. In what I have written, I have merely designed to put you on your guard against misapprehension & misconstruction. You, as well as we, will be narrowly watched. Your doings & sayings may get out, & travel farther than you expect. My course among you may be reported to abolitionists in this part of the world, by whom I know not. The expectation of this, made me wary; & I have no doubt that my great caution may have occasioned some misapprehension in your minds. But I felt constrained to do as I did, as a less evil.

In regard to the purchase of the slave, of whom you speak, I have no opportunity to confer with the Com. on the subject; but I have no reason to suppose that their views have changed. The state of the question is such that they would be quite reluctant to do any thing to hazard the quiet & pleasing position in which the matter was left at the Annual Meeting. Let well enough alone, is a good maxim in such cases.

I have not time to enter into this question. I feel the force of the considerations you urge. But may you not settle the matter on the basis discussed between us at Pine Ridge? I understood you to say, that you would not be likely to purchase a slave to work out his freedom, who could not be emancipated at once, if trusted to pay ~~[illegible]~~ by his labor the price demanded by the master. In such a case, no objection can be made. Think of it, & see if such a plan is not safe & practicable.

I am glad to learn that Mr & Mrs [illegible] are to relieve you at an early day.

I write in great haste, with my two especially talking about me & to me all the time. Please to inform the secretary of the mission that I have none of the [illegible], which you mention; nor have any [illegible] here. You all stand well at the Miss. House.

Kind regards to Mrs K. & all at your station.

Affect. yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Dec. 6. 1849

Rev. S. Hall
La Pointe,
Lake Superior

Dear Brother

Your letters of Sept. 10. & Nov. 10 reached me at Northampton Nov. 23. I was glad to hear of Mr Pulsifer's safe arrival, with Mrs P.; & trust that he is now fully & happily employed in his work. May the Lord add his blessing.

Your explanations of Mr Ely's conduct have given me pleasure. My confidence in him has not been materially shaken; but from some expressions in one of your letters, I thought that his continued absence at least demanded an explanation. I regret that he felt obliged to do as he did; but I shall not treasure up anything against him for this cause.

The estimates which you sent, have been acted on by the Com. & approved. The sum of $1825 is allowed for your mission; the amount paid by Govt. &c, to be deducted of course. If you can go below this sum, it will be well; for we have still a heavy debt, & are likely to have.

As Mr. Wheeler's family are with you at La Pointe, I suppose you will have frequent opportunities for mutual edification & improvement. I trust you will all seize the occasion afforded by this arrangement for cultivating & practicing Christian intercourse. I should think it might be well to hold meetings for your families, conducted with peculiar reference to your spiritual wants.

But I have not time to enlarge. I am at home for a short time, & intend to return to Northampton this afternoon. My health, I think, is improving.

Christian love to all at La Pointe connected with the mission.

Truly & fraternally,
Yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
Dec. 5, 18[illegible]

Rev. P. P. Osunkhirhine
St. Francis, Canada
East.

Dear Brother,

Your letter of Nov. 5, I have duly received & carefully read. I am thankful that God has been gracious to you in sparing your life, & permitting you still to labor for the Abenaquis. It would give me still more pleasure, however, to learn that his Spirit was descending upon your people, & leading sinners to the Cross for pardon & peace. Pray much, dear brother, that the blessing may come; & keep your own heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life. Keep it not only for yourself, but for the sake of your people. Labor to have a deep & abiding impression of the value of the gospel; & dwell much upon its glorious truths. No man can preach with power, whose heart is not deeply imbued with gospel truth. I hope soon to hear that you & your people are greatly refreshed. May the blessing come & not tarry!

Miss. House, Boston

The Com. have passed your allowance for [illegible], [illegible] $250, in the hope that you will find this sum sufficient [illegible] amount which [illegible] in their report [illegible]

I should be glad to write to you at greater length; but I am just going out of town, to be absent some time, & can not spare a moment for a longer letter.

Very [illegible]

Miss. House, Boston,
Apr. 16. 1850.

The Com. have passed upon the subject of your allowance for 1850. They grant you $250, in the hope that you will find this sum sufficient for you. This was the amount which Messrs Parker & Stockerly mentioned in their report to us.

I should be glad to write to you at greater length; but I am just on the point of going out of town, to be absent some time, & can not spare a moment for a longer letter.

May the Great Shepherd keep & bless you, as also your little flock.

S. B. Treat.

Miss. House, Boston,
Jan. 16. 1850.

J. S. Wright Esq.
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir.

Your favor, with the draft enclosed, was received yesterday. The receipts which I send herewith, will show that your wishes have been complied with in the premises. The amount which you sent last year, has already been put in the Child. Ed. Fund, & duly acknowledged. Had there been an opportunity to appropriate the money at 'Abeih', the acknowledgment would not have been deferred.

I have given directions to send the Miss. Herald & the [illegible] Herald, which we have received hitherto, & which I supposed to be on our [illegible] list. Should there be any irregularity hereafter, please to inform us.

The change in the editorship of your paper I had previously noticed. Mr. Chapin I have the pleasure to know personally, & highly esteem him. The Slavery question, I hope, will come out straight.

Yours respectfully,
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Jan. 16. 1850.

Rev. Joshua Potter
Fort Snelling,
Minnesota Ter.

Dear Brother.

Your favor of Nov. 24. came to the Miss. House Jan. 5. during my absence at Northampton. As I was to return immediately thereafter, nothing was done till I resumed my labors. Yesterday afforded the first opportunity to lay the subject of your transfer before the Pru. Com; & I will now give you the result.

1. The Com. think it expedient, on the whole, that you be transferred to the N.Y. Indian mission. The prospect in regard to the Sioux seems to be very dark; & we certainly have a larger force in that field than can find much encouragement for the present. I am not at all disposed to give up the Dakotas, without further efforts in their behalf. Now, however, we can do but little; & after you shall have gone to Allegheny, we shall have a sufficient acting force, in other words a full mission for the present demands upon it.

2. The Com. cheerfully consent to your taking the route thro' Indiana, as you propose, to visit the

the friendship of Mrs. Potter.
3. Miss Edwards is authorized to accompany you to Allegheny, if she chooses to go, in view of all the circumstances. The question must of course be left to her good sense, & I have no doubt she will decide conscientiously.

Some other topics suggest themselves in connection with the contemplated change, on which I will remark very briefly.

1. The pecuniary means you will know how to procure. In some cases you will find "receiving agents" of the Board, having funds in their hands. Drafts on Mr. Hill will serve your purposes almost any where.

2. I will take the liberty of suggesting some wisdom in speaking of the relations of the Choctaw mission to slavery. You will doubtless be catechised closely, & sometimes by persons having no very friendly feelings to the Board. Now we have no faith in "gag-laws", & leave every man to speak, as he shall think expedient. But I have no doubt, that you will observe a caution in all dealings. Whatever you feel bound to say in conscience, say without hesitation; but it seems to me that the less said, as matters now stand, the better. This is the rule which I have prescribed for myself, tho' I must suffer in my feelings by adhering to it. I think it is fair to give the Choctaw brethren an opportunity to show what they can & will do, in their (as I regard it) changed position. They & we are making efforts

to get rid of hired slaves. We had no prospect of succeeding last year, when the requisite force both of Germany was hired, but came up nothing. A full quota of white laborers has been hired again; what the result will be, I do not know. We appointed a leg (laboring) broker for this nation yesterday.

3. As to your future course on the Allegheny Reservation, I will say nothing now. You will find good brethren to advise & aid you. The language I hope you will get by all means.

May the great Head of the Church accompany you & yours in this change, & greatly bless your labors.

Kind regards to all the Br. & Sisters.

Yours
fraternally
S. B. Treat.

Miss. House Boston
Jan. 11 1850

Rev. M. N. Adams
Sioux Mission.

Dear Brother

Your letter of Oct. 2 was received at the Miss. House during my absence for the benefit of my health; & as there was nothing in it that seemed to require an immediate answer, I have permitted it to remain without any acknowledgement till now. Two or three items may be noticed at this time.

1. Correction which you suggest in the letter of the mother, have been made, as you will have seen already, in the Herald.

2. The case of brother G. H. Pond, in his connexion with the Legislature, has received due attention. In answer to my request for information, he has written to me at some length; & the views of the Com., I have no doubt, he will communicate to the Mission.

3. As to the form of your annual report, I would suggest, that at your meetings you appoint a Com. to take the special reports, & with the aid of these draw up a general report.

S. B. Treat

The reports of other missions, as published in the Herald or as described otherwise, will suggest various ways of doing this. It may be well for the mission's report to discuss present matters of general interest, such as the prospects of the Indians, influence of the whites, progress in civilization, &c. &c.

Your favor of Nov. 13 was rec^d at the Miss. House on the 5th instant, just before my return. I have time now barely to allude to the principal topic of that letter, viz. the consent of the Prud. Com. to the plan you propose in regard to your wife's sister. The subject was brought before them at their last meeting, & they cheerfully agreed to your suggestion. You are at liberty, therefore, to carry out your wishes in the premises. Please to inform me of the name & abode of the young lady, whenever she shall join your family. You say nothing of her appointment as an assistant missionary, & send no testimonials; hence I infer that it is not your expectation. Indeed, your object will be accomplished without any such appointment.

Kind regards to Mrs H. & all your associates.

Very truly
yours
S. B. Treat

P.S. I have not received the estimates of your mission for 1850; consequently no appropriation has been made as yet. Nor have the minutes of the last annual meeting of your mission come to hand. Where are they? Who should have sent them?

S. B. T.

Your letter of Nov. 12 did not reach the Miss. House till Jan. 5, just before my return to my labors. I have regained my health considerably, [illegible] as I had hoped, to be [illegible] work at present. On my way to Boston, I spent a night with our good brother Greene, at [illegible]. His general health is generally good; but his mind is not what it once was. I fear he suffers somewhat from an apprehension that he may not be able to provide food & raiment for his 12 children. But the Lord is his Shepherd, & he will not want.

I am glad that you have introduced me so particularly to the members of your family. Henceforth I shall feel a new interest in your little circle. Had our heavenly Father been pleased to spare all my children, we should have had 7; but in wisdom & love he has taken 4 from us. I hope they are with him in that house which is not made with hands.

Miss. House, Boston
Jan. 21. 1850.

Rev. S. R. Riggs.
Sioux Mission.

Dear Brother,

Your letter of Nov. 12 did not reach the Miss. House till Jan. 5, just before my return to my labors. I have come back with health considerably improved; and I hope to be soon at work as usual. On my way to Boston, I spent a night with our good brother Greene, at Westfd. His general health is tolerably good; but his mind is not what it once was. I fear he suffers somewhat from an apprehension that he may not be able to provide food & raiment for his 12 children. But the Lord is his Shepherd, & he will not want.

I am glad that you have introduced me so particularly & familiarly to your family. Henceforth I shall feel a new interest in your little circle. Had our heavenly Father been pleased to spare all my children, we should have had 7; but in wisdom & love he has taken 4 from us; these they are with him in that house which is not made with hands.

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You are right in considering the permission to procure an additional female for your family "a standing one." I hope that Mrs. R's sister will be able to join you in the spring. G. H. Pond,

You allude to the future, in regard to the state of your family. There are many trying questions growing out of the legitimate claims of missionaries' children upon their parents; & some of them are not yet settled. Without expressing any opinion in respect to your own case, I have some doubts about the sentiment, held by others, whether it is by yourself or not, that parents may not transfer their responsibilities to third persons. But I have not time to give my reasons.

I agree with you perfectly as to the inexpediency of providing [illegible] [illegible] Yours &c S. B. Treat.

hope, viz. your connection [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] last autumn.

We have no doubt you have acted with [illegible] integrity & conscientiousness in the case. [illegible] confidence in the purity of your character [illegible] is not at all impaired by the course which you have pursued. Your accounts of the [illegible] which you received, in accordance with the rules of the Board, show that you were not influenced by pecuniary motives.

In regard to the propriety of the case, that is, whether it was expedient for you to become a member of the legislature, we are not prepared to give any opinion. [illegible]

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Miss. House, Boston
Jan. 21. 1850

Rev. G. H. Pond,
Sioux Mission.

Dear Brother,

Your letter of Nov. 13. was received during my absence from the Miss. House for the benefit of my health. On my return, I laid it before the Prud. Com. & obtained their views in relation to the main topic, viz. your connection with the Minesota Legislature last autumn.

1. We have no doubt you have acted with perfect integrity & conscientiousness in the case. Our confidence in the purity of your character & motives is not at all impaired by the course which you have pursued. Your accounting for the pay which you received, in accordance with the rules of the Board, shows that you were not influenced by mercenary motives.

2. In regard to the propriety of the case, that is, whether it was expedient for you to become a member of the Legislature, we are not prepared to give any opinion.

We have not the facts before us. You say that you cannot state all the circumstances fully, none of your brethren have done it. It would be manifestly unjust for us, therefore, to affirm that you have or have not acted dishonestly in the premises.

Besides, the matter is past & gone by now. You have performed the duty assigned you by the people, & it is of less importance for us to decide the merits of this particular act, than to get at true general principles bearing upon such cases, wherever they occur. It is our chief object in writing you at this time, to present our views on these broad questions.

I think, though opposed, as a general thing, to ministers of the gospel ~~engaging~~ ~~in~~ embarking in political life, it is not very uncommon for such to be elected to the legislature, & even to Congress. This we deeply regret. Leaving out of the account particular cases, we think that those who take upon them the work of the ministry, should never descend into the political arena. I know it may be said, that a man may stand aloof from all partizanship & unworthy mingling with the turbid waters of our every day politics. But it proves very difficult to do so. Many who intend to do just right, have found themselves involved, beyond their expectations, in contests & measures which compromise the honor & purity of their office. The truth is, one who enters in this work, does not know when or where he is to be in company, nor [illegible] what company he is to have. — And you [illegible] practice [illegible] brought [illegible] reproach on the ministry. The charge is often made, that our profession is just as worldly as others. And the conduct of clerical politicians gives too much countenance to the allegation [illegible]. With such sentiments as referred to the question I have just stated, you will perceive as I say that you cannot approve of missionaries, except in very peculiar cases, mingling in political or civil matters in the way of taking office. Some of our missionaries have taken office, as at the Sand. Islands, & Mr Parker at Canton. The Com. have decided that any such act terminates their connection with the Board, as a matter of course, ipso facto. We have thought much on this subject, because we have had several cases, & our opinions have been deliberately formed. Some of the brethren at the Sand. Islands, I have no doubt, did right in accepting office. But we hold that the missionary relation ceases at once in every such instance.

Your position was different. You rec. an appointment for a limited time; hence your relationship did not cease. And we can conceive of reasons which justified your acceptance of the office. We can suppose that some important measure in behalf of the Indians, was thought by your brethren, especially to make it indispensable that one of you should become a representative. We don't say that there were not sufficient reasons for this act of his, we think that these reasons should have been very strong. And you will allow us to express the hope that they will not appear [illegible] hereafter.

I say again, in conclusion, that we have no question as to the singleness of your purpose in this business. We do not say that you did not decide wisely & righteously, all things considered. But we hope that you will not feel unduly constrained to yield to the importunity of those around you, on future occasions.

Kind regards to Mrs P.

Very truly & fraternally

Yours

S. B. Treat.

Miss. Rooms. Boston
Jan. 22. 1850

Rev. G. Rockwood.
N. Y. Ind. Mission.

Dear Brother.

Your letter of Nov. 16. was duly received; but as I was absent on account of my health at the time, it till very recently has remained unanswered. I trust, however, that no important interest has suffered from the delay.

As I am somewhat pressed for time, I shall confine myself in this letter to the matter of appropriations.

1. Your estimates of [illegible] have been allowed, i.e. $625.

2. The $50 appropriated last year for the education of your children is renewed.

3. The subject of repairs has been considered by myself not only, but in Com. There is some embarrassment attending the question, from the fact that the long continuance of the station does not seem to be settled. On this point I have yet no determinate opinion. When I visited Tuscarora last June, it was my purpose then to enter with you upon examining the matter.

I should be very glad to receive your matured views on the subject. Perhaps the present is a favorable opportunity for obtaining all the light which we can find, that we may hereafter act intelligently & understandingly. And it would be very well, if you could draw up a statement, embracing the facts & arguments pro & con, & submit it personally, or send it, to the other members of the mission. If you enclose it to Mr. Wright, he will see that Messrs Bliss & Hall have access to it. And having seen what you think & say, let these 3 brethren express their opinions as to the expediency of continuing the station for any great length of time. They may send their views, together with what you write, directly to me.

Should the sentiment of the mission be in favor of an indefinite continuance, the Com. will be ready to aid in making the repairs. But before they make a grant, they will wish to know (1) what the cost will probably be, after a careful estimate shall have been made, & (2) what the Indians will do. The subject of Indian cooperation in defraying the expenses of the station has been referred to repeatedly in our correspondence, but we do not seem to be making any progress. Perhaps this is a favorable time to bring the question to some definite result. I hope, therefore, if it is deemed best to make extensive repairs, &c., you will take all due measures to induce the Indians to do their part; or if, you should think it wiser to enlist their aid in some annual effort, for the support of their schools, &c. At any rate, I think it may be well to have this point fully & fairly examined. Perhaps the continuance of the station may depend somewhat on the result.

Kind regards to Mrs. R. & your children.

Rev. Asher Wright,
N. Y. Ind. Mission

Fraternally & truly
yours
S. B. Treat.

Dear Brother,

Your long letter of Nov. 2 was duly received by me at Northampton, whither I went to spend a few weeks for my health. I have returned to Boston with the hope of being able to continue my labors without interruption. You [illegible] a very [illegible] letter [illegible] against your [illegible] account of my visit to Cattaraugus last summer, [illegible] the Prudential [illegible] the Providence of God [illegible] I think it applicable [illegible] to the [illegible] a part of my [illegible] to [illegible] by faith [illegible] [illegible] God [illegible] [illegible] the Board [illegible] [illegible]

The [illegible] letter which [illegible] you [illegible] Mr. [illegible] & send to Mr. Hall at your convenience. I have written to Mr. Rockwood, which will show how much we have allowed, with brief reasons for the reductions. In relation to the $50 for female assistance, I should

Miss. House Boston
Jan. 22. 1850.

Rev. Asher Wright,
N. Y. Ind. Mission

Dear Brother.

Your long letter of Nov. 2 was duly received by me at Northampton, whither I went to spend a few weeks for my health. I have returned to Boston, with the hope of being able to continue my labors without interruption. You have no occasion to write bitter things against yourself on account of my visit to Cattaraugus last summer, or its effects on my health. The Providence of God led me there; & I look up from the visible to the Invisible. It is a part of my faith to have no regrets. Whatever befalls me, is ordered in wisdom; & all things work together for good to those that love God. My visit to the N. Y. Indians, last June, was a part of his eternal & glorious plan, as much as any thing else.

The mission-letter which I send herewith (which you can show Br. Bliss, & send to Br. Hall at your convenience; I have written to Br. Rockwood,) will show how much we have allowed, with brief reasons for the reductions. In relation to the $50 for female assistance, I should be glad to have a little consultation with you, before making the allowance. If you will call my attention to it at Bangor next fall, I will talk with you further on the subject. The feeling of the Com. in respect to the printing item, I presume, is all that you would wish. As you are to receive aid from the Bible Soc., (at least so we suppose) we do not need to make an appropriation for printing the Scriptures.

As to the contemplated Orphan School, it is rather difficult to say much as matters now stand. The Com. are willing to do more for the Indians in any wise & promising way. Should the school be placed upon a safe & economical footing, & should there be no serious embarrassment from any other source, they would probably be ready to take hold of it. But since I received your letter of Apr. 2 & laid it before the Com. Gov. of Ind. Aff. has proposed the Miss. Boards, together with the petition circulated in behalf of boarding schools. Is it your plan to have all or nearly all of the children on the Reservations entered in such schools? If so, who is to take charge of them? You say, perhaps, we wish the A.B.C.F.M. to do it. But how can we do it, as it should be done? Our experience shows that such institutions are not of easy management, especially upon so large a ~~school~~ scale.

Further, if this system goes into operation, what will become of the Orphan school? But I have not time to enlarge. Please to keep me well informed on all these points.

Kind regards to Mrs W. Sincerely yours S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Jan. 22, 1850

To the [illegible] N. Y. Indian
Mission.

Dear Brethren!

At the last meeting of the Prud. Com. the annual appropriation for 1850 was made, so far as it affects your mission. The allowances are as follows:

1. The estimate forwarded for Lower Cattaraugus is approved, with the exception of $50 for a female assistant.

2. To Upper Cattaraugus $910 are allowed. This includes all the items mentioned in the estimate except $50 for female aid & $150 for printing. In regard to the last item, I have to say, that the sum heretofore allowed for a vocabulary &c is still subject to Mr Wright's order; the Com. having renewed the grant. Whatever sum shall be allowed by the Am. Bible Soc. will be at his disposal. If he should wish to expend a small amount for a tract, &c., he is at liberty to do so.

3. To Allegany $1100 are allowed, being the sum asked less the $50 for female help & the $300 for a boarding school. In respect to the last of these items, I need say nothing, as the reasons for leaving it out of the appropriation are already understood.

4. The allowance to Tuscarora is $675, including $50 which Mr Rockwood was last year authorized to expend for the education of his children.

The result is as follows:-

Lower Catt.	— $850.
Upper Catt.	— 910
Allegany	— 11,00.
Tuscarora	— 675.
Approp. for books	— 75
	$36.1.0

In regard to the item for female assistance in the domestic department, I remark that our finances oblige us to use a good deal of economy. We have a large debt, & are likely to have. [illegible] admitted that [illegible] recommendation [illegible] respecting the matter, if not the whole, [illegible] the [illegible] the $50

Affectionately yours
S. B. Treat.

Boston Jan 22 1850

Rev. A. Wright
N. Y. Ind. Mission

Dear Bro

[illegible] help in the domestic department will appear better [illegible] to the [illegible] will [illegible] you.

I am glad to hear that there is any improvement in the state of things among your people. I hope soon to hear of much more joyful tidings. Affectionate regards to Mrs Wright [illegible] the great battle [illegible]

Miss. House Boston
Jan 22 1850

Rev. A. Bliss
N. Y. Ind. Mission

Dear Bro.

Your letter of Nov. 26. was duly received & read with care. The result in regard to the $50 for female help in the domestic department will appear from the letter which I now send to the mission, & which letter will show you.

I am glad to hear that there is any improvement in the state of things among your people. I hope soon to hear of much more joyful tidings. Affectionate regards to Mrs Bliss & the Great Valley.

Very truly
Yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Jan. 23. 1850

Miss Sophia Mudgett

Dear Madam.

Mr. Hill has shown me your letter to him; & I am very glad to hear of your good health, & of your purpose to return to the Indians at no distant day. I trust the Lord has still a work for you to do among them, & that he will accompany your labors with his blessing. I have seldom seen any thing among Indians which pleased me more than your school; & I have no doubt that the review of your efforts in Oldtown gives you not a little comfort & satisfaction, as well it may.

A watch can be purchased at better advantage in Boston, I presume, than where you now are. As you will probably return thro' this city, I think you had better postpone the matter till you come here. At that time, I hope to be at home, when I shall expect to see you. I have lately come back to the Miss. House, with health somewhat improved.

Mr Potter & family have received an invitation to remove to Allegheny.

Very truly yours S. B. Treat.

Miss. House, Boston
Jan. 23. 1851.

Rev. Wm. Hall
A. S. Ind. Mission.

Dear Brother

I returned to my labors a few days since, I hope, with health considerably improved. At any rate, I shall endeavor to perform the duties of my office, for the present according to my poor ability.

I addressed a brief letter yesterday to Bro. Wright in regard to the appropriations, which you will see in due time, as I suggested Bro. Wright to send. I will say, however, that your estimates for Allegany were approved, with the exception of the $30 for female, and in the [illegible] the $300 for the boarding school. After what has passed between us, I presume you will not be disappointed herein; nor will you expect any reasons in addition to what you already know.

Permission has been granted to Mr Potter to join your mission. He will be on the way to Allegany, I suppose, as soon as spring opens. May the Lord [illegible] abundantly turn into a rich blessing.

At the meeting of the Prud. Com. held yesterday a grant was made of $100 for the purchase of lumber, according to your request, to build Mr. P.'s house. In addition to the $50 allowed for your sister's expenses, you can obtain $50 more. The modus operandi you understand.

I am very glad to hear that your sister has returned to Sunfish. I hope that her health is restored. Please to present my affectionate regards to her. Is she able to commence the boarding school for girls, on a small scale, as we proposed last summer in our conference at Cattaraugus? If so, I am in favor of the experiment being made as soon as shall seem to you & her expedient. Mr Wright has an impression that the estimate for Allegany Schools included the contemplated expense of this experiment. If otherwise, the Com. will make an appropriation, whenever you will state what is necessary. Should her health be doubtful, let her run no risk by attempting new labors.

Mr Hill received a letter from Miss Mudgett yesterday. She is very well, & hopes to be again in the [illegible] before long. I shall, of course, favor her return.

Kind remembrances to Mr Hall & the children, also to James Pierce.

Fraternally & truly
yours
S. B. Treat.

P.S. [illegible] your letter of Nov. 20, I see that the advance of $50 for schools was not for your sister's allowance.

Miss. Rooms, Boston
Jan. 22. 1851.

Choctaw Mission.

Dear Brethren &c.

Thro' the good providence of God, I have been permitted to return to these Missy. Rooms, with improved health, & hope to resume my labors strong day at[illegible] since, I have had much occasion to acknowledge divine goodness; & I hope to be increasingly grateful thro' all my days.

1. Yesterday afforded the first opportunity I have had to lay the estimates of your mission before the Com. I have at once received answers to all the inquiries which I addressed to you; & I will now state the results.

Appropriations were made, according to the estimates, with one exception, viz. To Pine Ridge, $516.66; Wheelock, (including H. K. Copeland's allowance at Fisk's,) 1053.33; Stockbridge, 766.66; Norwalk, 400; Mt Pleasant, 400.

The Com. have not formerly allowed $500 for printing, &c. They suppose that this sum will not be necessary, in consequence of what I have to say hereafter in regard to the Hymn book. (2) They wish, whenever they grant a specified sum, to have an estimate as a basis. For example, before the mission next year ask for $500, let some one select what books are needed, with the probable cost. Or if the cost is uncertain, we can grant what shall be necessary to print such works. Or, if it is not certain at the Miss. what books will be needed, application can be made at any subsequent time. You may not understand the reason of our caution in this particular, but in some of our missions the press needs watching. In conclusion, I will say, however, that you may expend in 1850 whatever you may want for printing to an amount not exceeding $500. This I am authorized to write by the Com. who have confidence in your discretion herein.

2. Choctaw Hymn Book. Just as I was about to put Mr. Byington's copy for a new edition of this work into the hands of the printer, I learned to my great surprise that we have the stock of 1000 of the former edition stowed away in the Miss. House. I suppose that you will not want the new edition issued, till these are exhausted. I have ordered 250 copies to be bound & sent to the mission at once, & shall wait to learn your wishes as to the rest.

3. Choctaw Four Gospels. I learned at the same time that we have about 1000 copies of this work in sheets. I am the more surprised at this, as I tried to get a copy for Mr. Wright when he was in New York, & was told by Mr Tomlinson that we had none. I think such a mistake will not occur hereafter. What shall be done with these books?

4. I am trying to get one or two ministers for the Choctaws, but shall not be able to reinforce you probably till next fall. I have ~~given~~ told Dr. Ramsay, (whose business it is) to look up the laborers, & to call loudly for your mission; & he has begun to do so, especially at Andover. A good earnest letter would help much. May I not expect one? The Com. appointed a lay helper for your mission last week. How soon he will join you, I don't know. Yours &c

S. B. Treat.

Miss. House Boston
Jan. 23. 1850

Rev. C. Byington

Dear Brother.

Your letters of Nov. 14, Dec. 11, & Nov. 30 are before me & will first say a few words in relation to the Hymn Book, which came safely to hand. I have showed the copy to the printer, & he thinks it is all plain & easy. Should any difficulty occur, perhaps there may be time to write to you. But what is to be done? You will see from my letter to the mission how the case stands. Will you think of going forward, till the other edition is exhausted? I suppose not. Tho' there may be improvements made, yet it is not best to throw away so many, without strong reasons. And when the new edition is printed, perhaps the proof can be sent to you to correct, if no one is in New England who is qualified to do this sort of business

You will learn from the mission letter that we have allowed you the $1000 which you requested. We shall stand ready to incur the additional expense occasioned by the hiring of free laborers. You need not fear any trouble on that point.

I have already written to you in regard to a visit to be made by Mrs. B. or yourself to Ohio on account of your children; & I need not add any thing here. As you speak of schools for girls, I will say that the Pittsfield school is considered a very good one, but it is somewhat expensive. The Mt. Holyoke institution I prize very highly, & it is cheaper. For your purpose, I should think it just the thing. For admission there, a previous application is necessary; as there are generally more candidates than vacancies. Should you wish to make application, you may send it to me, & I will see that it is duly presented.

The Committee recently appointed Mr. Beals, of Castleton, Vt.

a very helper in your mission. He will do farm work, I suppose, if any of you have occasion for his services. He is well recommended as a good, trustworthy, faithful man. He has lived with a clergyman, who speaks highly of him. When he will set out, I do not know. He is debating the question, whether to go out the spring, or in the fall. In case he remains till autumn, he will endeavor to improve his education in some particulars, as soon as I learn his decision, I shall inform the mission, at least by [illegible] soon.

Please to forward the [illegible] letter to Mr Wright, also the accompanying note, which are connected therewith.

Affectionate regards to Mrs. B.
Do to Cyrus & Lucy.

Yours, brother, in the
Common Salvation
S. B. Treat.

P. S. If you think of sending Lucy to Mt. Holyoke, application should be made as soon as possible. I suppose she cannot be admitted till next fall, in any event. Perhaps not then.

Msy. Ho. Boston
Jan. 23, 1850.

Rev. A. Wright,
Choctaw Mssn.

Dear Brother.

Your letter of Dec 26 arrived at the Msy. House four days ago. When I began to read it, I reproached myself for having put you to the trouble of going into so many details; which I did not at all expect, as a few lines would have answered my purpose fully; but when I had finished the letter, I was rather glad that you stated the whole case, as some features of it were not known to me before. For instance, I did not know that Miss Ker's $120 were in addition to the $400 + $133.33. I think you did not bring that fact distinctly to my mind when I was at Wheelock; or, at least, I did not get possession of the fact. After reading your letter, I am satisfied that her allowance should be in addition to the $533.33, at least so long

As your supposed conference what they now ... have intimated, I suppose that 2 establishments increase the ... of your station somewhat, but I also supposed that what is lost in this way is fully made up in the greater ... of your labors & those of Mrs. Wright. If you in consequence of the relief afforded you ... lengthened thoughts, with the hope that the preparation & substitute of proper reading matter for the Choctaws ... more especially your vocation, Mr. Byington may add something in this line; ... other duties will not give him much leisure therefor.

As you make an allusion to the occurrence of expenses occasioned by the hiring of free help, I will say, what I have already intimated in previous letters, that we shall not stint you in this matter. Let not any consideration of economy keep you from obtaining such help as you really need. You can depend upon the sympathy & cooperation of the Com. in this thing. And I am particularly anxious that Mrs. Wright should not have any aggravation of her burdens, in her imperfect health, arising from this cause.

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The Bibliotheca Sacra & [illegible] Recorder, you will continue to receive, the pr[illegible] not be deducted from your allowance. After reading [illegible] to have them [illegible] Might my sympathy in [illegible] public [illegible] Remember [illegible]

Fraternally yours
R. Treat.

The Com. have allowed Mr D. K. Copeland $200. that is, $133.33 & 66.67. Last year the estimate was the former sum; & when I was at Wheelock, I received the impression that this was all which he asked for. I presume there is a reason for the addition; & hence the Com. have made the allowance, on my recommendation. If you or he will give the explanation in a single sentence, in some future letter, I shall be obliged to you. I am anxious to receive the necessary explanations now, that I may have such an understanding of the case as to know at a glance why this or that sum is asked for hereafter. In case of any alteration in the estimates in coming years, I hope brief explanations will be sent in the first instance. This is the practice in our other missions.

I shall recommend to the Com. to designate Mr Lathrop steward at Norwalk, as you wish, with the salary of the other stewards. Should they agree to the recommendation, I will inform of the fact without delay.

I will keep the matter of a teacher in Mr. Pitkin's place in remembrance. I am sorry that he has decided to leave.

The Bibliotheca Sacra & Puritan Recorder, you will continue to receive, the pr not to be deducted from your allowance. After reading your letter, I could not consent to have them discontinued for the reason you assign.

Please to present to Mrs. Wright my kind regards, & my affectionate sympathy in all her trials growing out of feeble health. I know something of such burdens. Remember me also to your other co-laborers.

Fraternally yours
S. B. Treat.

Rev. C. Kingsbury

Your letter of Nov. 22.

arrival at the Mission House, just after my return from Northampton. I am sorry that you have taken so much trouble to explain the estimate for your station. A single sentence would have been sufficient. Had you said, or had I known, that Mr. Lewis' coming to Pine Ridge was contemplated, when the estimate was made, that would have settled the whole matter. Perhaps I ought to have supposed as much; but in our practice in the business of appropriations, future comers are not, as a matter of course, taken into the account; & I did not think of your having acted on a different principle. As the case now stands

Miss. House, Boston,
Jan. 23. 1850

Rev. C. Kingsbury.

Dear Brother,

Your letter of Dec. 22. arrived at the Miss. House, just after my return from Northampton. I am sorry that you have taken so much trouble to explain the estimate for your station. A single sentence would have been sufficient. Had you said, or had I known, that Mr Lewis' coming to Pine Ridge was contemplated, when the estimate was made, that would have settled the whole matter. Perhaps I ought to have supposed so much; but in our practice in the business of appropriations, future comers are not, as a matter of course, taken into the accounts; & I did not think ~~it~~ of your having acted on a different principle. As the case now stands the estimate is perfectly satisfactory. And perhaps you ought to be thankful that I wrote as I did, else we should have allowed you only "$466.66," the sum contained in the statement sent to me. This sum is made up of $266.66 + 200. We have added the $50, making it $516.66 for the station generally.

I rejoice to hear that Mr & Mrs Powers have gone to your relief. Please to present to them my affectionate regards, & my hope that they will be not only blessed themselves, but a blessing to others, in their new position. Perhaps they may have such a view of the field which God in his providence has called them to occupy, that they will wish to remain longer than they at first proposed.

I am sorry that you have not sent me an earnest call for 2 more missionaries. Tho' there are few candidates just now, the way to get them, is to ask for them, & they always come, sooner or later, if we present a strong appeal. I hope Andover is waking up a little to the missionary work; & other seminaries may be expected to follow the example. I donot despair of sending out one or two missionaries next fall.

It gives me great pleasure to know that you are still able to continue your labors among the Choctaws. You have had a long enlistment; but it has been under a blessed Master. May he keep you & yours to the end!

Kind regards to Miss Kingsbury, Miss Goulding & Miss Bennett, whom I always retain in kind remembrance.

Affectionately & fraternally,

Yours,

S. B. Treat.

I am still hoping to hear of better times at [illegible]. Can you not stir up your church members to greater earnestness in seeking the divine blessing? Perhaps a day of fasting & prayer may do good. Let there be thorough searching of hearts, & genuine humiliation, & God will appear for you. [illegible] God, dear brother, & he will guide you. Pray without ceasing.

Very truly

Yours

S. B. Treat.

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Miss. House, Boston
Jan. 24. 1850.

Rev. P. P. Osunkhirhine,
Canada.

Dear Brother

Your letter of Jan. 15. was received two days ago. I have laid the request therein contained before the Prud. Com. & they have consented to allow you to draw for two quarters' salary on the 1st of Feb., $10 to be deducted from each quarter's salary thereafter till the advanced salary is made good. I hope that this indulgence granted by the Com. will enable you to make things comfortable.

Mr. Hill wishes me to say to you, that the New [illegible] Observer is sent to you for which we pay $2 a year. This money, however, will not be deducted from your salary.

I am still hoping to hear of better times at St. Francis. Can you not stir up your church members to greater earnestness in awaking the divine blessing? Perhaps a day of fasting & prayer may do good. Let there be thorough searchings of heart, & genuine humiliation, & God will appear for you. [illegible] God, dear Brother, & he will guide you. Pray without ceasing.

Very truly
Yours
S. B. Treat.

Miss. House Boston
Jan. 24. 1856.

Rev. J. F. Aiton,
Sioux Mission.

Dear Brother

Your favor of Oct. 30, is before me. Owing to my absence (the occasion of which you doubtless know already,) I have not been attentive, nor answered it till the present time. Still feel I will speak of the items of business brought to my notice in this communication.

1. You enquire what you shall do, to protect yourself in the front of the changes expected to take place at Red Wing. You enquire whether you had better enter 40 or 160 acres of land. On such a question we find it difficult to propose an opinion, because we know so little of the merits of the case. We are not in favor of having our missionaries encumbered with much land, or many secular cares, except where it is absolutely necessary. To our Indian missions this is sometimes necessary. And then we do not know how long the Red Wing station is to be kept up. The precise bearing of the treaty on the half breeds, we do not understand & explained in due time.

On the whole we think you had better take the advice of the deputation on the subject. If you wish for advice at once, or a regular meeting shall be held, obtain the opinions of the brethren in their individual capacity, & when they do come together, it may be well to consider the question again. You will all understand, of course, that we have no wish to speculate in western lands.

2. What should be done for Mr. Denton? If I have a correct understanding of the case, the Lausanne Soc. wished us to step into their shoes, & carry on the work which they had begun, we taking buildings &c. just as they would leave them. As they had expended considerable money at Red Wing, they wished the fruit thereof to enure, not for the benefit of an individual, but for that society which should take their place. The contributors would naturally have this view of the subject. Hence, I apprehend, Mr Denton has no sort of claim whatever. I have sought diligently for the letter which the Laus. Soc. sent to us, but I cannot find it, not knowing where Mr Greene has placed it. But I heard it read, & am confident that it will not favor Mr Denton's claim. In fact the declaration of Mr. D. that he was to have it, if it was not wanted for mission purposes, shows this. If we occupied the station, we were to have the buildings & carry on the work already begun, otherwise he was to have them.

I am without any information as to Mr Hancock's movements, save what you say. The reasons for his leaving Red Wing are unknown to me. I hope I shall be enlightened in due time.

I do not see that the darkness is beginning to yield to the advancing day in your field. I have looked for light, but find none. That there must be a change soon, I apprehend, for it can hardly be for the worse.

Mr Potter has received permission to go to the N. Y. Indians. He will leave the Senecas in the Spring, [illegible] providence.

Kind regards to Mrs. A.

Very Sincerely

Yours

S. B. Treat

Your letter of Nov. 12 [illegible] the request therein contained, have been laid before the Prud. Com. I am unable to apprise you [illegible] they have [illegible] case. They see no reason why your request should not be granted, except that you have not first obtained the action of the mission. ~~[illegible]~~ It is one of our rules that no member of a mission shall be released from his connection with his fellow [illegible] till their opinion has been sought, or [illegible] the [illegible] to be impracticable or [illegible] to be the [illegible]. Still, as the mission may have no meeting for some time to come, we will place the question on this footing. If you will present the case to the ordained miss[illegible] [illegible] of the brethren as are readily accessible, & they shall give a written approbation of your leaving, [illegible] the Com. will grant your request, & you may return to New England, or go elsewhere, at your convenience. Of course, it will not be necessary [illegible] to forward [illegible] A letter from you & Mr. [illegible] will suffice.

Yours very kindly,

S. B. Treat.

Miss. Rooms Boston
Jan 4. 1850

Mr H. L. Smith,
Choctaw Mission,

Dear Sir

Your letter of Dec. 12th & the request therein contained have been laid before the Prud. Com. & I now write to apprise you of their views of the case. They see no reason why your request should not be granted, except that you have not first obtained the action of the mission. ~~in the case~~. It is one of our rules that no member of a mission shall be released from his connection with his fellow laborers, till their opinion has been sought; & we deem the rule too important & salutary to be disregarded.

Still, as the mission may have no meeting for some time to come, we will place the question on this footing. If you will present the case to the ordained missionaries, & such of the lay brethren as are readily accessible, & they shall give a written approbation of your leaving, (which you will please to forward to me,) the Com. will grant your request; & you may return to New England, (or go elsewhere,) at your convenience. Of course, it will not be necessary for you to see the brethren. A letter from you & Bro. Hotchkin will suffice.

Yours very sincerely, S. B. Treat.

Miss. House. Boston

Mr. C. C. Copeland
Choctaw Mission.

Dear Brother.

Your favor of Oct. 8 arrived at the Miss. House, when I was absent for the benefit of my health. I came back in the early part of this month, considerably better, & I hope now to continue at my post. Your letter of Nov. 23 has also come safely to hand. I will first speak of some matters in these communications.

1. Your explanations in regard to the estimates for Mr. [illegible] are entirely satisfactory, & the $400 have been allowed. The Com. did not act upon the case till the 22 inst. because answers had not been received to some inquiries which I had addressed to the different stations.

2. I have received no appeal for more missionaries, tho' I have been expecting such a document. I regret that it has not come, because without something of the kind we shall be less likely to procure the desired assistance. In a recent letter to Mr. Kingsbury, I have expressed the opinion I am making an effort to obtain one or two additional missionaries for your field; but none can be expected till next fall.

3. We have received no communication from Mr Hotchkin, or any one else, in respect to his resignation. Of course the Com. will take no action until they hear from him.

Passing to the first mentioned letter of Oct. I will say, that perhaps something ought to be done to bring forward such Choctaws as give promise of usefulness in connection with the missions, or in other ways. Might not girls be received in the boarding schools, they assisting in house work, so as to defray part or all of the expense. Care should be exercised in the selection, so that those may be aided who will be future co-workers. In respect to males, I do not know what can be done. Can any thing be devised for such at Norwalk? Or can they be employed at the stations, paying for instruction, &c, by their labor?

I think it may be well for the mission to take up this subject, & see what will come of it. I think the Com. will cooperate in any plan that seems to be feasible & not too expensive.

(2) You & Mrs C. have my cordial sympathy in your trials at Mt. Pleasant. I can easily imagine what it must be to labor in such circumstances. But you serve a good Master. He knows what you endure, & he will forget nothing that is laid upon you. And then remember, for your encouragement, "If we suffer with him, we shall also reign with him."

(3) I am very glad that the Lord is still gracious to the Choctaws, in sending upon them the early & the latter rain. His dealings with them have been very merciful for a

number of years. May the blessing be enjoyed for a long time to come! And may the mission prove my grace, & unfold a mystery of faithfulness & honor! ~~prove~~ with still greater blessing ~~the~~ the tribe of Indians than been so highly [illegible] I ~~cannot~~ cannot but hope that God has designs [illegible] for them in coming years.

Miss [illegible] fam. [illegible] Fairbank. Hopkins Applegard, Brown &c

You will see extracts from the letter of Oct 8 & the one before it in the Dec. Dayspring. I intended that similar extracts should appear in the Dec. Herald; but the acting editor, Mr Worcester, (brother of the Cherokee missionary) could not make room for them.

& be remembered [illegible]

Fraternally

S. B. Tr.

Your letter of [illegible] 14 inst. from [illegible] has just been received; & as you ask my opinion as to the proper course to be pursued by you in selecting supplies I hasten to reply.

I suppose it will not be wise to adopt any rule which is to be followed in all cases. But I would make a few suggestions, which you can value for what they are worth.

1. It will not be best to do any thing that will interfere materially with the regular contributions of the churches to the Board. Systematic contributions are what we are endeavoring to introduce, & of prime importance in this [illegible]; & any thing you gain will not be likely to compensate for a departure from the ordinary course in giving.

2. So far as the [illegible] may [illegible] to avail [illegible] of your assistance, I think it would be well [illegible] hand home, if [illegible]

Miss. House Boston
Jan. 24. 1850

Rev. R. Hopkins
Ripley, Brown Co.
Ohio,

Dear Brother

Your letter of the 14 inst. from Louisville has just been received; & as you ask my opinion as to the proper course to be pursued by you in soliciting funds, I hasten to reply.

I suppose it will not be wise to adopt any rule which is to be followed in all cases. But I will make a few suggestions, which you can receive for what they are worth.

1. It will not be best to do any thing that will interfere materially with the regular contributions of the churches to the Board. System & order are what we are endeavoring to introduce, & of prime importance in this business; & any temporary gain will not be likely to compensate for a departure from the ordinary course in giving.

2. So far as Mr Bartlett may wish to avail himself of your assistance, I think it will be well to travel here, if you can do so. [illegible]

3. When you have an opportunity to take up collections, or solicit donations in churches, that do little or nothing for the Board, I should advise you to avail yourself of it, provided there is a prospect of securing what will be worth the effort. In such cases, you will confer a favor on the givers, as well as help forward the general cause.

4. In congregations which are accustomed to give to the Board, you may sometimes obtain donations, I presume, to defray the expense of printing the books which you have in charge, without interfering with the collections annually made. This is often done in this part of the country. Should you tell your story about the Dakotas, the object of your visit to the places which you intend to see, will naturally follow; and if an opportunity is given to contribute to the printing, some will be inclined, I doubt not, to [illegible] in these cities.

5. In all cases, it is best to be governed by the opinions of the pastors. Whatever advice they give, can generally be followed with safety.

I trust you will not fail to exhibit a true missionary spirit in all your intercourse with your fellow christians. Let them see that you have been called of God to the great office of preaching Christ among the heathen. And may [illegible] you in all your ways!

Yrs truly

S. B. Treat.

Miss. House, Boston
Jan. 25. 1850

Rev. E. Hotchkin,
Choctaw Mission:

Dear Brother

Your letter dated in Nov. last was received at the Miss. House, while I was absent for the benefit of my health. I returned two or three months ago, somewhat better, I hope. At any rate, I expect to remain at my post, for the present.

The tidings contained in your letter filled my heart with unusual joy. The conversion of children, especially of missionaries' children, is a subject of very peculiar interest to me. And when the Lord confers so great a blessing on his servants who are striving to preach Christ among the Gentiles, I look upon it as a new proof of his faithfulness. You have your trials, frequent & severe; but what are these when compared with such a favor as you have now received! Could I see my three boys the genuine disciples of Christ, I am sure I should say, "Now, lettest thou thy servant depart in peace!" I hope still to see 2 of them missionaries, but I am most unworthy of such an honor.

[illegible] I am glad that you have availed yourself of the
assistance of Mr. Smith, as you have manifestly needed
his cooperation. Since I received a letter from him a
few months ago I have been expecting to hear from him
or others in regard to his permanent stay among you.
[illegible], & his support, I think there will be no difficulty.
Perhaps you can ask for an additional appropriation next Sept.
sufficient to support an assistant; which we can allow as part
of the appropriations for 1851 [illegible] you can ask for a
special appropriation however, if you wish for the support of the
[illegible] particular need of the help. I think the Com. will
not hesitate to adopt the grant in either case.
I am sorry that dear Smith's health has failed, not only
for his sake, but because it will increase your burdens.
I have just written to him in respect to his release if he
would [illegible] among the [illegible], as I presume.
I expect little more than Miss Hale has determined
to leave your family. I foresee that Mrs. Hotchkin's burdens
will be thereby increased. You did not ask for help
this spring, else I am inclined to make an effort to
send [illegible] with Mr. & Mrs. Lathrop, provided
they shall go. I expect to fill his place in a few days, if
he concludes to take Mr. Russell's place at Norwalk, (which
position we shall offer him) I will try to procure
a teacher for you.

We have lately appointed a Mr. Beals from Castleton Vt
as a lay helper. He is well recommended by Rev. Mr. Steele
of that place, also by Rev. Mr. Hegly, for whom he has worked.
He understands farming. Perhaps you may want him. I am

not certain whether he will go out this spring or not. I shall apprise the mission on these [illegible].

5. Mr Hill has arranged the traveling expenses of Mrs. to your satisfaction, I believe. We have intended to do so at any rate.

6. I learn that Mr H. A. Copeland has hired a number of white laborers for the mission families. In this I rejoice, & hope the experiment will be successful.

On the subject of slavery we have no trouble now. With a little ~~faith~~ patience, & a good deal of faith & prayer, I hope we shall get along. An onset will probably be made on us next Sept at Oswego; but we are not dismayed. The Lord will take care of his own cause.

6. I hope to hear that God is graciously carrying forward his work among you; & I hope also that you will keep me well informed on this subject. Let us have something for our publications.

Please to present my affectionate regards to all th. your fellow laborers, & to those dear children whom God has so greatly blessed. I know not where Mr & Mrs [illegible] reside; but give them my kind regards when you see them.

I remain

Fraternally

yours

S. B. Treat.

Miss. Rooms, Boston
Jan. 25. 1830

Miss M. J. F. Thayer
Tuscarora, N. Y.

Dear Madam.

Your favor of Oct. 17 came to the Miss. Rooms just after I had left for the benefit of my health. Having returned and resumed my duties, I seize the first leisure moment to write to you in reply.

I am truly glad that you take so deep an interest in the Tuscaroras, & I hope that God will make you a great blessing to them. The field has not seemed to be particularly encouraging of late; & for the sake of obtaining the exact state of things, I have just written to Mr Rockwood, requesting him to present his views in regard to the continuance of the station. I do not mean to indicate any disposition to give up our operations there; but I wish for more information than I have, especially before we proceed to incur much additional expense, which implies a plan of permanent occupancy. I should be pleased to obtain your views on this question.

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In regard to the plans which you mention for the good of the Indian children, I hardly know what to say. I know too little of the precise state of things at Tuscarora to have a competent opinion. When I was at Cattaraugus last summer, it lay in my wish to visit Tuscarora; but I had neither time nor strength therefor. Perhaps I may be able to go there before the next meeting of the Board; but I cannot say with certainty, as the time is in the future.

As to taking the charge of the school as it has been proposed to the Quakers, I should not be more than particularly informed. There is a movement, I understand, towards inducing the State of N. York to do something for Indian boarding schools. I presume any scheme that may be adopted, will reach the Tuscaroras; & for this reason, it seems advisable to wait & see what will come of the agitation of this question.

I have informed Mr Hall that we are willing to do something for the Allegany Indians in this line, inasmuch as their circumstances are very peculiar. But even there we are not disposed to pledge ourselves to any considerable expense, till we see what the State will do. Mr Wright wants something done in the same way at Cattaraugus; but we should hardly be willing to assume more responsibility than would be involved in providing teachers. The other expenses we should wish to be defrayed from other sources. And perhaps we should adopt a similar rule for the Tuscaroras. But we have not considered this general question, & I think, must wait a little. The action of the N.Y. Legislature will be known in the course of a few months. Miss. House Boston Jan. 30. 1850.

Before leaving this subject, I will say that no paid boarding schools are very difficult to manage. They are generally the most impracticable part of our machinery. We do not like to undertake them; & when we do so, it is because there are urgent reasons therefor.

As to your private affairs, I have one or two suggestions to make. As you wish the donations made to you acknowledged in the Herald, they pass by that circumstance into the funds of the Board, & we become responsible for their expenditure. They cease to be simply under your control. If any friends of yours see fit to send money to expend at your discretion, which is not acknowledged, we are not in any way responsible. But you will see at once that it is otherwise, where the donation becomes mingled with the general contributions into the treasury.

I do not suppose that you will receive any such sums; I make this intimation of much practical importance. Still it may be well for you to understand the principles applicable in such a case.

If any plan of importance is projected by you, looking to the educational improvement of the Indians, it will be well to seek the advice of Mr Kingsbury & the other missionaries. It is a part of our system to obtain all the light which we can from the experience of others.

Please to hand the accompanying statement to Mr

Very sincerely

yours S. B. Treat.

Rev. Mr.

Miss. House Boston
Jan. 30. 1850.

Rev. A. Wright
N. Y. Ind. Mission

Dear Brother

Your letter of Jan. 21. was duly received, with the copy of one half of Brigham, for which I am much obliged. I am sorry that the excitement still continues on the subject of politics. I hope & pray that it may subside at an early day.

Your letter of Jan. 23. arrived yesterday. I laid it before Prudential Com. in the afternoon. They authorize the purchase of the press at Buffalo with the understanding that the same does not exceed $100. Please inform me when the purchase [illegible] been effected.

And somewhere between this & May, if you prepare & print your grammar vocabulary, or before that time, if pleased, send me a sheet or two. I have a reason for the request which I will not state [illegible] a year.

Yours truly

S. B. Treat

Mass. House, Boston,
Jan. 30. 1850.

Mr. M. B. Pierce,
Cattaraugus N.Y.

Dear Sir,

I recently learned, with regret, that some of the Chiefs are displeased with what is said in the Gen. Herald respecting the late political changes among your people. I have endeavored to put forth no statement which could be considered as justly exceptionable; & I did not intend to express or indicate any opinion upon the questions which are pending between the Chiefs & the warriors. I simply aimed to exhibit the matter in *a historical* point of view. Certain events of local & general interest have taken place; this all admit. As to whether the changes are wise or unwise, whether they are to be permanent, or to continue only for a year, I have nothing to say. A new government has a *form* been organized, & it has received the acknowledgement of the general & State governments; this I presume none will deny; & this is all that the Herald states. The propriety & legitimacy of that government is questioned by the Chiefs; & they hope to set it aside, or to obtain for their government the recognition of the United States & New York. Should they do so, I shall [illegible] the change in the Herald just as I have [illegible] the [illegible]ences of the [illegible] of *history*. [illegible], dear Sir, will readily [illegible] principles, & do justice to my motives. I do not wish to [illegible] influence which I may possess [illegible] political question among the Senecas. I [illegible] that I have none but kind feelings towards the Chiefs, as towards the natives. I think I am their friend, & I sincerely hope they will always regard & ~~[illegible]~~ treat me as such. You will

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I write to you, dear Sir, because I think you will readily appreciate my principles, & do justice to my motives. I do not wish to throw any influence which I may possess, into any political question among the Senecas. And sure I am, that I have none but kind feelings towards the Chiefs, as towards the whole nation. I think I am their friend, & I sincerely hope they will always regard, & ~~[illegible]~~ treat me as such. You will oblige me by making known the contents of this letter to such of the chiefs as have taken a different view of the statement in the Jan. Herald.

Kind regards to Mrs Pierce.

Very respectfully &
truly yours,

S. B. Treat.

Miss. House, Boston,
Jan. 30th 1850.

Mr. John Beals
Castleton Vt.

Your letter of Jan. 26th I have this moment received, & hasten to reply. I must confess, however, that I find it somewhat difficult to give advice in the case you mention. I can answer some of your inquiries nevertheless, which I will proceed at once to do.

1. There is need of female assistance in the mission, & I have no doubt that the same necessity will continue. A number of teachers are employed; & also helpers of other kinds. But

2. it will be impossible to say beforehand, whether any given person can be employed. We endeavour to keep the places full; & when a vacancy occurs, we look around for a person having the qualities which are desired for that post. It may be a teacher of high qualifications; (& most of the teachers should have such qualifications) or it may be a person to take charge of girls out of school; or one for some other department of labor. Now it might happen that one

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whom you should select, would not be fitted for the occurring vacancy, though she might be well fitted for a place already occupied

You will see then that I cannot give any pledge of employment beforehand. When you have been upon the ground yourself, you can judge of these things with your own eyes; perhaps you might find the way open for a helpmeet. But I should think it *unwise* for you to take out a wife in the first instance. If you go out single, Providence may shape your course for you, so that your wishes herein may be fully met. And this is what I should recommend. For should you get married just before leaving for the Choctaw Country, the question will arise whether any arrangement could be made for your wife; & we might find no place for her.

Very truly
Yours,
S. B. Treat.

Mifs. House, Boston

Mr. Edwin Lathrop,
Montville, Ct.

Dear Sir.

Mr. Wright expressed a wish, in a recent letter which I received from him, that you might be appointed to the stewardship of Norwalk, in place of Mr. Bissell, who is expecting to leave in the spring. The subject was laid before the Prud. Com. yesterday afternoon, & they have very cheerfully appointed you & Mrs. Lathrop to that post. You may expect to receive the same salary as the other stewards in the mission.

I hope, dear Sir, that you will be able to go out this spring, & fill the anticipated vacancy; for I do not know where we shall procure any one to perform the duty. And can you & Mrs. L. look up a good teacher for Good Water? Miss Slate is, or is to be, married.

Please to inform me as soon as may be of your decision about Norwalk; & also whether you know of a teacher. In case you go out, but cannot find a teacher, I shall try to obtain one. When shall you probably set out on the journey?

Kind regards to Mrs. L.

Yours very sincerely,
S. B. Treat

Miss. House. Boston

Rev. E. Hotchkin,
Doaksville, Choctaw
Nation.

Dear Brother

Your letter of Jan 3 was read before the Pred. Com. yesterday; & I hasten to communicate the result.

1. I have been expecting to hear further from Mr Stark, in consequence of a letter I received from him last summer; & I have been hoping that the difficulty (of which I have already spoken) in the way of his appointment, would be removed. But as there is no change, so far as we know, in his relations to the Presby. Board, we are obliged to adhere to our past principles of action.

But the mission ought to retain their hold at Good Land; & they ought to have the filling of the post which you mention. The Com. therefore, authorize you to put a person in that place, the best, all things considered, whom you can find. If there is no one else to be had, we think there is no fair objection to your putting Mr Stark there for one year. And within this period, I take that his relations to the Presb. Board will be "all right."

As to the compensation, we authorize you to tell Kingsbury to say what he shall receive (in addition to the $150 you speak of) & [illegible] will pay that amount.

2. You will have seen already what I have written to Mr Smith. He is to obtain the approval of the ordained missionaries (& such laymen as are accessible) for his return. If his reasons "are not sound," you will so decide.

Still, it is often a question whether a man had not better leave a mission, tho' his reasons for so doing are not good. We sometimes give permission to return, on the ground that he had better be at home than among the heathen, while we do not approve his spirit or motives. I say this hypothetically, not knowing whether Mr Smith is such a case or not. If he is bent upon coming away, or without the [illegible] of usefulness, I think it is best probably to be discharged, in some way.

As to the basis of settlement. The Com. doubt whether it is best to insist upon his refunding his expenses out. Perhaps strict right would justify this; but is it expedient? Unless there are facts which we do not know or suspect, we should think not. But if you think otherwise, you can let the case come before us on all the facts. If he comes north, he might visit the Miss. House, & we could settle the question here, having your opinions in full.

In great haste

Yrs truly S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Feb. 1. 1850

N. T. Strong, Esq.
Cattaraugus Res.
N. Y.

Dear Sir

I have this moment received your letter of Jan. 29 with a copy of one signed by several of the Seneca Chiefs, dated Nov. 6. 1849 & also a copy of a letter from Com. Medill to R. H. Shankland Esq. The original letter (of Nov 6) has never been received; why I am not able to say.

This subject will be brought before the Prud. Com. at an early day. It will probably go to a sub-committee, who will look carefully into the case, & then report their opinion; after which the Prud. Com. will view the matter in all its aspects. As soon as the result is known, I will duly apprise you.

Very respectfully
yours,

S. B. Treat

Missy. House, Boston

Feb. 5. 1850.

Rev. D. S. Buttrick,

[illegible], P.O. of Cherokee

Nation.

Dear Brother,

Your letter of Jan. 1. has given me much pleasure, inasmuch as it announces your improving health. I hope & pray the Lord will give you ability & strength for this blessed work; & above all, that he will grant unto you "all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ."

I have time only to write in relation to your request, viz. whether the Com. will authorize the employment of an interpreter during the approaching summer, should your health enable you to preach among the Cherokees. I have consulted the Com. on this point, & I am instructed to say to you, that should the mission think favorably of the plan, they will authorize such an expenditure.

I presume you will [illegible] meeting
at no distant day for other
matters; & you can state your plans &
wants, & [illegible], & if they then [illegible]
favorably of them, you may consider the
matter settled. In this way, the appropria-
tion [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible],
in accordance with our general rule.

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delay for various Your brother in for the estimates;
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them in October, for that is the time for taking
up the whole subject of appropriations.

S. B. Treat

The estimates of the [illegible]
have been laid before the Com. this afternoon.
The result is as follows:

1. We allow $4007 to the mission for 1850, with
the understanding (1) that there be deducted therefrom
such sums as are received for schools at Red Wing or
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account for as the avails of his medical practice
(3) that what Mr Potter has needed & shall need from
Jan 1 to the time of his appointment shall be granted
in addition. No specific sum was named because
the amount was uncertain.

Miss. House Boston
Feb. 5, 1850

To the Sioux
Mission.

Dear Brethren

The estimates of your mission, together with the minutes of your last meeting, were not received till Jan. 28. I regret this delay for various reasons. In regard to the estimates, it is particularly desirable that we should have them in October; for that is the time for taking up the whole subject of appropriations.

The estimates of the Sioux mission have been laid before the Com. this afternoon. The result is as follows:

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in the making up the sum of $4017, the Com proceeded as follows: (1) they allowed to Lacquiparle $1282, putting Mr & Mrs Adams allowance at $225, supposing that $250 was inserted by mistake. (2) they allow Traverse des Sioux $840, after deducting the estimate for Mr Potter, as also the $150 for Mr Hopkins travelling expenses. The last item need not be included in this appropriation, provision having been made for it. (3) they allow to Prairieville $345, to Oak Grove, $520, to Kaposia $460, to Red Wing $560, half to Mr Aiton, & half to Mr Hancock. We do not know where Mr A. is, as he has not reported his movements of late. Still he is included in the appropriation, in the expectation that he will not receive his allowance, unless, & except so far as he remains at his station.

Fraternally yours
in the gospel
of Christ

S. B. Treat

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Miss. House Bost.
Feb. 5, 1850

Rev. T. S. Williamson

Dear Brother

I am much obliged to you for your letter of Dec 24 & for the trouble you have taken in regard to the estimates. I am sorry, however that I should have given any occasion for the trouble, [illegible] the necessary [illegible] in making the usual prospective estimates. The sum allowed for printing, will be satisfactory.

[illegible] what you [illegible] in respect to the Dictionary, [illegible] Com. in the [illegible] department, & the feeling is something like this.

1. The prospects of the mission are too uncertain to make it expedient to incur any considerable amount of extra expense at present. We do not know what is to come; & we would rather wait a little. We do not give way to discouragement; but we do not feel like going into expenditures that are not strictly necessary, & in some sort necessary

2. We do not wish you to abandon the idea of having a printed Dict. at some future time. We think you had better keep your eye on the work, as one that may be called for, perhaps soon.

3. As to defraying the expense, the Com. have not done much towards printing dictionaries. And they have not adopted any principle, which prevents their doing something at the proper time. Should the work seem to be called for, 2 or 3 years hence, we suppose that you might get some assistance in your region, or in other places in the East; & in that case the Com. would be willing to help.

4. I have consulted a printer, who says it would be worth from 65 to 75 cts. per 1000 ems to set the type of the Dict. & 50 cts. a token for press work. The principal item is the typesetting, as I presume you would not need a very large edition. This kind of work is not to the taste of printers. I think it likely you can get the job done cheaper in your region, in the course of a year or so.

Kind regards to Mrs. W. & Mrs. Foster.

Affectionately yours,

Miss. Rooms, Boston
Feb. 12 1859

Rev. C. Hotchkin
Doaksville, Choctaw
Nation.

Dear Brother,

The minutes of your last annual meeting, contain a resolution touching the tender of your resignation to the mission, which ought perhaps to receive some notice at the present time. When the minutes came, I expected a full account of the matter from the mission or yourself; & as nothing has been written by the mission or yourself, I have supposed that matters had taken such a turn that no action was necessary. What other inference could I draw? Surely, no one would expect us to act upon such a question, without some knowledge of the case.

But it has occurred to me that there might be some misunderstanding, which would lead in the end to unpleasant consequences; & hence I had better write to you. You may be expecting us to act, while we are waiting to hear from your part of the world, expecting nothing, because we hear nothing. I hope most sincerely that we shall not get into such a corner.

What reasons you may have for these things I know not. But I think, in the circumstances, they should be very strong to justify your throwing off the labors & care of a school which the Lord has so greatly blessed. I have no doubt you have some trials in your difficult position, & I sincerely sympathize with you. But [illegible] all. But, who does not [illegible]? And shall the Christian, above all, the [illegible] [illegible], shrink from meeting them in his journey through life? Besides, has not God rewarded you greatly for all your toil & affliction, in the blessings he has poured upon you? Has not his goodness [illegible] more than paid you, a thousand times more than paid you, for your labors all record at Goodwater? But I have not time to enlarge. I hope you will [illegible] having done so, offer yourself [illegible] [illegible] & be willing to endure trials & bear burdens, rather than think of taking off the [illegible] from the [illegible] of

As I am writing, very much in the [illegible], drawing a [illegible] at [illegible] [illegible] about [illegible] [illegible] members of the [illegible] in the premises. I then laid the matter before them, and they afterwards, by their authority, [illegible] to you (1) that they have entire confidence in you as a faithful, untiring, & prudent manager of the school at Goodwater, & (2) that they should greatly regret your abandoning the place, & (3) they sincerely hope that you will continue to retain your connection with that [illegible] institution at least for the present.

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It is not often that the Prud. Comm. express them-selves in this way; & you will receive it as a special mark of their confidence in you. And permit me to add, that I shall esteem it a great misfortune if you leave the school, without adequate provision for the supply of your place. You know very well that I, as also the Comm., wish to see you & your missionary (ordained) brethren as free from secular labor as possible. And if you can get a good man in charge of the grammar school, we shall all rejoice, & bid you "God speed" in the holy work of preaching the gospel. But in case no such provision is made & this whole letter proceeds on this assumption, I shall most deeply regret your leaving the place.

Should the reasons for your retiring appear valid, conclusively, after a careful & thoughtful review of the case, let me suggest that you hold on till some one can be obtained. And as this will be a work of difficulty, & no one so well as you can make a proper selection, will you not aid in the matter. I have no doubt the Com. will authorize you to come north & look out a man, that you may then go on your way, a disburdened & undistracted preacher of righteousness.

Affectionate regards to Mrs H. & all with you

In great haste
Very fraternally
& truly
Yours
S. B. Treat.

Ind.

Miss. House. Boston
Feb. 15, 1850

Mr Edwin Lathrop,
Norwich City, Ct.

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 15th I received this morning. I sincerely hope that a kind Providence will make the way plain for you to return to the Choctaws this spring. The good brethren there need your assistance, & for any thing that I can foresee, will be in straits, if you do not go back. I am a little afraid there will be trouble at Goodwater, as Mr Hotchkin seems to be much inclined to relinquish his post there.

Should Mrs L & your little one be unable to return this spring, or should it be unwise for them to do so, what do you say to this plan? You go alone in due time; & if there is no good provision for Mrs L's journey thither in the fall, you come for her, at our expense. It would seem undesirable that this should be, especially unless you can go early, as the vacation comes so soon. But the brethren seem so anxious to have you go to their aid, that I should be willing to have you return at our expense, in case of a necessity therefor, rather than that they should be disappointed. If there were a difficulty in sparing you in the fall, as there doubtless would be, the mission would be the more urgent to make some arrangement which should relieve you from the duty of coming back. Kind regards to Mrs L.

Very truly yours
S. B. Treat

Let me know your decision as soon as may be.

Miss. Rooms, Boston
Feb. 19. 1830

Rev. Wm. Hall,
N. Y. Ind. Mission.

Dear Brother,

Your letter of Feb. 3 was received yesterday. From it I learned for the first time that the $300 which was struck out of your estimate, was for your Sisters boarding school. No letter from any member of the Mission has explained this matter before; on the contrary, whatever has been written in relation to the subject has been fitted to keep me under a mistake. I do not say this complaining, but just to show why the Com. rejected this estimate & partly to indicate the importance of giving me accurate & definite information in regard to the estimates in future years. Where there are new items, or old items advanced, let the explanation be given at the time, & much trouble will be saved for all parties.

You may say perhaps, that I might have infer'd all the truth, from your past correspondence; not so, however; for tho' I apprehended by you the relation of the Com. to do any thing till it should appear what the N. Y. Legislature were prepared to assume, I supposed that you probably had definite plans of expending the $300 before the action of the legislature; whereas the Com. thought it altogether best to defer the whole subject till that action should have [illegible] taken place. This enough as to that special point.

I have never received any thing as yet respecting a stop put to your district school; accordingly I brought the matter before the Committee, the appropriation. It would seem that you named $150, & Bro. Wright asked for $300. It does not appear why the same was thought preferable by you. That is, the details of the scheme are not stated. The Com. appropriate, therefore, $150 absolutely. They also authorize you to expend $150 more, if it shall seem to you particularly desirable. They are willing to commit the question to your discretion. I do not know enough of your plans to judge of the expediency of removing your sister's school to your station. I do not even know whether you think of making the transfer permanent or only temporary. If the former be your purpose, I have this opinion to express, viz: that it is not wise to bring boys & girls near together in boarding schools, as they would be in this case, I suppose, if the boys' school should go into operation. All our experience is to this effect, among the Indians & elsewhere.

And if your sister removes to your station for a long time, what becomes of Sanford? Will there be any interests neglected there.

I can see that Margaret's health will be promoted by the change you propose; which is an important consideration; & hope that special pains will be taken to preserve it. Such a reason will always have much weight with us.

Knowing so little of your plans &c, I will say no more; & I have no doubt you will act judiciously.

Affectionate regards to Mrs K. the children, your sister, & Mr Pierce

Fraternally
yours
S. B. Treat